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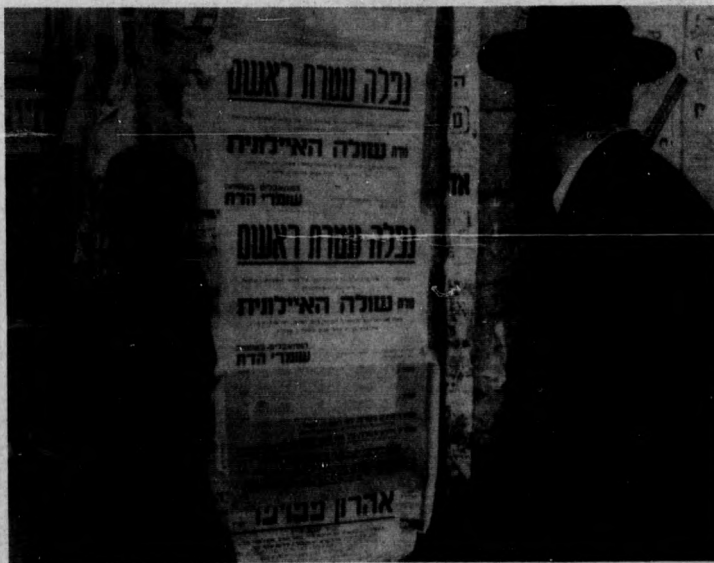
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'TROUBLE-MAKER' FOR RABIN AND ORTHODOX — Feisty Education Minister Shulamit Aloni has made life miserable for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and, for the time being, the Prime Minister has taken over her Ministry and four others. The photo below pictures the length to which her enemies — the ultra Orthodox — have gone. These posters mounted in religious neighborhoods of Jerusalem announce her premature death.



Russian immigrants

Community assumes burden of non-Jews

DETROIT — If the figures of the number of Russian non-Jews whom the Jewish community here is resettling reflect national numbers, then American Jewry is providing for thousands of Russian non-Jews married to Jews.

In a computation by The Detroit Jewish News, it was found that of the 487 cases brought to the city, only 40 percent were all-Jewish marriages. The final count then was 146 non-Jewish refugees being resettled by the Jewish community here alone.

Under rules of HIAS, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, which sponsors the newcomers, a Jewish family is defined as a group of persons related by blood or marriage living under one roof. Only one member of such a family need be Jewish.

One example provided by the Jewish News was of David, a Jew, married to Ludmilla, a gentile. In Moscow, David and Ludmilla shared an apartment with Ludmilla's parents, her sister and brother-in-law. Even though only one member of this six-person household is Jewish, the guidelines of HIAS consider them a Jewish family.

Dail Stolow, HIAS Director of Overseas Operation, told Elizabeth Applebaum of the Jewish News that no question are asked about which refugee family members are Jewish, and no questions are asked about the gentiles' interest in identifying with the Jewish community. "We're not looking to separate families," he said.

To be approved for refugee status in the U.S. individuals must prove to the Naturalization Service that they face persecution in the country where they are living and must have a close family relative — parent or child, husband or wife, brother or sister — living legally and permanently in the U.S.

HIAS channels the families to the Jewish communities where the relatives live. Also all refugees handled by HIAS, including the non-Jews who have no interest in Judaism, are obligated to take courses introducing them to the Jewish community.

The hope, Resettlement Service director Sandra Hyman is quoted as saying, is that the gentiles will consider conversion to Judaism, or at least join a congregation and send their children to a Jewish day school or otherwise becoming involved with the Jewish community.

She said that it is anyone's guess as to how successful this prospect has been. "It would be very interesting for us to study what's happened to the local immigrant population. Unfortunately we just don't have the staff to do it," she said.

Anti-Jewish textbook off must-read list

BOSTON — The Wellesley College professor, Tony Martin, who made an anti-Jewish book must reading for his class has been penalized to the extent of no longer teaching the course on "Introduction to African-American History: 1500 to the Present" in which he introduced the Nation of Islam text "The Secret Rela-

tionship Between Blacks and Jews". For next semester he will teach "Africans in Antiquity" and lead a seminar on "Topics in African American History".

The College's president, Nan Krahane, is being replaced by acting president Luella Gross Goldberg, who currently is chair of the Board of Trustees.



IHC CONFIRMS 30 — From left, first row Mindy Stern, Lisa Leventhal, Susan Lawrence, Allison Fisch, Michelle Glazer and Eric Soskin; second row, Jane Abramovich, Katy Goodman, Julie Schecter, Ricky Goldstein, Shana Cohen, Jennifer Oldham; third row, Amy Rockafellow, Melissa January, David Arkush, Ben Abels,

Andy Goldstein and Lisa Shideler; fourth row, Julie Katz, David Marder, Josh Provisor, Eric Percher, Charlie Winski, Andy Monat and Rod Feuer; fifth row, Brent Engelberg, David Wormser, Cantor Janice Roger, Rabbi Larry Milder, Chad Gerson and Joe Cahall. Not pictured Allison Becker.

TOWN CRIER

By G.M. COHEN

Well, there will be no contest for election to the board of the Federation at the annual meeting. Our attempt to force the community to vote for members of the board has flopped. If you'd like to know how many of

our readers wrote in to have our name placed on the ballot, the answer, is not the required ten, not nine, and not even one.

The community has decided.

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Bruce Hoffman wins award again

BLOOMINGTON — Bruce Hoffman, Bandon, Ore., has been named winner of the Henry A. Bern Memorial Essay Competition in Jewish Studies at I.U. He was honored at the annual Jewish studies-faculty dinner when he received the \$250 prize for his paper, "Philosophy, Revelation, and Law: Jewish Thought in the Wiener Republic."

Hoffman is a major in
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EDITORIAL

Commencement prayer situation is fuzzy

The commencement prayer dispute in Indiana has reached a settlement without a solution.

A settlement was made out of court by the Frankfort School Corp. on one side and a group on the other side headed by Carmel attorney John Price. Price dropped his federal lawsuit demanding that the commencement ceremony include prayer. The school system said its valedictorian and salutatorian were free to say what they wished — prayer included — at the graduation ceremonies. There must be no official endorsement, interference or review of what the outstanding students might wish to say.

U.S. District Judge Sarah Evans Barker encouraged the disputants to reach a settlement. She declined to endorse on its face their interpretation of the Constitution and the laws. Price got the school board to sign onto a statement that said, among other things, that the Constitution requires government neither to encourage nor to stifle religious expression. Barker did not sign it.

Price said he had won religious liberty for the students. An official for the schools said the school system had planned no interference with the students' statements anyway, so the settlement changed nothing.

Is there anything wrong here?

Indiana Civil Liberties Union lawyer Richard Waples had been ready to jump in with a friend-of-the-court motion.

After the settlement, Waples said the ICLU was satisfied there would be no infringement of the students' free speech — which could include prayer — and no breach of the Constitution's First Amendment guarantees against mixing government and religion.

Everybody should be happy. So why aren't we? Is it because we know from experience that officials can unofficially encourage the tyranny of the majority?

The top two students have the honor — granted by the school — of speaking to their classmates. Are they speaking as individuals to their class or for it?

If they are speaking to the class, they can advocate their personal philosophy, be it altruism, Christianity, Islam, racism, greed, legalizing marijuana or whatever. Since the honor is granted by the school, should the school not have at least a veto on what they may say? Waples said no. If they are speaking for the graduating class and not just to it, how do they arrive at the class consensus on their views?

As honor students, they are trusted to choose their words well. If they include a Christian prayer, how well do they represent classmates who may include Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, Jews and others who do not share the Christian belief?

Is any harm done? Rabbi Laurence E. Milder recently spoke on the subject in a sermon at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. His

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Why have Jewish Studies at Purdue?

(From an editorial by Professor Robert Melson in the Purdue University Jewish Studies Program Newsletter.)

WEST LAFAYETTE — During the nearly 12 years that the Jewish Studies Program has been in existence at Purdue I have been asked why the program was founded and why people keep supporting it. I can't tell you why others helped to found and keep supporting it, but I can tell you why I do, and the answer is simple: because Jewish studies has been for too long neglected at all Western universities and because making it part of the university's shared experience is simply the right thing to do.

When I think back to my undergraduate experience at MIT in the late 50s, I recall taking a year-long course called "Introduction to Western Civilization." It was a marvelous experience in which young, barbaric, uncultured MIT "tools" like me were first exposed to some of the great thinkers and great

art of Western, if not world, culture. We started with the Greeks, of course, Sophocles, Euripides, Plato and Aristotle. We went on to the rise of Christianity, St. Augustine, St. Thomas, the Great Chain of Being. We discussed the Reformation and the Renaissance. We read a few of Shakespeare's plays. We then arrived at the modern world, the American and French Revolutions, the Philosophers, Voltaire, Thomas Jefferson and Edmund Burke. This being MIT, we also discussed the rise of modern science, Copernicus, Kepler, Galileo and Newton. Then came the great flowering of modern culture, especially Kant and Hegel, Beethoven and Brahms, Marx and Freud, Tolstoy and Dostoevsky. We ended with the great upheavals of the First and Second World Wars and the Russian Revolution, but these were seen as backdrops to the flowering of great European and American literature, Thomas Mann and Proust, T.S. Eliot

and Hemingway...

Don't get the impression that somehow we became intimately acquainted with the history, lives, ideas and creations that were mentioned in the course. "Tools" we started out as, and "tools" we largely remained, but we did get an overview, an "introduction" to the cultural world of the West. The subtext for the course was: "This is what's important, and this is what you should know in order to call yourself an educated person."

In all of this, which was after all an introduction to our cultural heritage, we hardly mentioned other civilizations, nor did we touch on the experience of Blacks, women or Jews, people who intimately were part of Western civilization but who have remained for too long invisible.

In particular, I remember that Jews were mentioned but twice: Judaism was presented as laying the groundwork for Christianity by which it was superseded and made largely

irrelevant. Jews were mentioned again in passing when the Second World War was brought up: something about Hitler's being anti-Semitic, a bizarre state of affairs that was made right by the triumph of the Allies led by General Eisenhower (who was then the president).

I recall trying to square this with what I had been taught and knew from my own experience. I had been taught at Hebrew school and through my own reading that Jews were the people who had formulated monotheism and had brought the worship of the one God to mankind. That through the 2,000 years of Western civilization, they had endured great persecutions, but despite their tragic history they managed to codify the great books of the Talmud and lead productive lives. Later in the modern period, Jews experienced what can only be called a renaissance. In every country they contributed disproportionately to culture and science.

Didn't such observations deserve to be studied and discussed and not just subsumed under the triumphal march of Christianity and the West? And about Hitler's anti-Semitism, was it his alone or was it not part of the history and legacy of the very culture we were studying with such great admiration? But these were passing transient thoughts. There was enough material to cover. Grades were important and probably these weighty other topics would be covered in later courses, I thought. But, of course, they never were, neither at MIT nor at any other place. Later, when I tried to become a scholar and started to work on some of these questions, I realized that the history and contribution of Blacks, women, Jews and others who have remained invisible in cultural studies does not negate the story of Western or world civilization. They complement it. They shine light on the buried, often tragic, sometimes evil, aspects

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Local boy begins a celestial journey

By GISELA WEISZ

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ASCENDANT: David Wolf, the son of Dotty Wolf and Harry Wolf will be 37



years old on Aug. 23 this year. Two days after his birthday, on Aug. 25, he will make a celestial journey. Literally. David, a physician and an astronaut, will ride a space vehicle above the stratosphere. The name of the project is "Space Lab Life Sciences." The launch will be from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

His family will witness the momentous occasion. Waving

goodbye from the ground as his ship soars will be his mother, Dotty Wolf with friend Frank Zendell; David's father, Harry Wolf with fiancée, Jackie Scofield; sister Ann and her husband with their children from Chapel Hill, N.C., Steven, Amanda and Michael Berggren; as well as other friends and relatives. We wish God speed to David on this far-reaching trek.

BROADWAY AT IHC: Bernie Dean, well known singer and actor, will bring his highly successful performance of the Broadway musical The Rothschilds to the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation on June 27. The historical rise of the Rothschild family from ghetto poverty to royal wealth will be on the stage, done with suspense, humor and tenderness by Mr. Dean.

SIGNIFICANT: A yearly gala event recognizes a

woman in our midst whose efforts and charity works are widely extended in our community. On Oct. 28, Thursday, ORT will celebrate the yearly selection of Sarah's Daughter. Award recipient this year will be Claudette Einhorn.

DESCENDENT: Spencer Riley Tamler was born April 2 in West Bloomfield, Hills, Mich. His parents are Trish and Marty Tamler. Grandparents and great-grandparents are in Indianapolis Sheila and Jerome Tamler and Ann and Julius Bryan. The bris was on April 9.

FROM ERETZ: Irit and Barry Shevitz from Petach Tikva, Israel, will visit his parents, Lee and Reuben Shevitz for the holidays.

AS THE TWIG IS BENT: The Chumash party on May 13, at the Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis drew many parents with video cameras to the school auditorium. Boys and girls, first and second graders, impeccably dressed, re-enacted scenes of the books of Moses. On the stage of the Hebrew Academy we witnessed reincarnations of Eliezer and Rivkah, as they were looking for "A Wife for Yitzchak."

The school presented the first graders with handmade challah-covers and the second graders with a Chumas prayer book. The presentation was followed by a reception. Helpers at the Chumas ceremony were parents: Sally Cotlar, Sharon Dorman, Natalie Gordon, Lori Katz, Judy Leapman, Amy Weisz Karatz, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Corcia, Linda Simon Nefouse, Jane Malament, Debbie Franz, Linda Isaacson, Jackie Laikin, Ilene Matthyse, Raya Gershkovich, Mr. and Mrs. Voronovskiy, Drs. Mark and Ora Peschovitz.

VISITORS: Lilli Gottman and daughter and son-in-law, Rochelle and David Green-span came to Indianapolis to the wedding of Leigh Regenstein and Jeff Meltzer on Saturday, May 15.

IMPORTANT: Congratulations to Karen Stern, who has been elected to fill the president's chair at the IHC sisterhood.

VIEWING THE BIG OVAL: Claire and Al Posner came for their annual racetime visit. The Posners came from New York to visit their brother and sister-in-law, Karen and Jerry Stern in Indianapolis.

WITH FAMILY: Mark Steiman celebrated his bar mitzvah in Columbus, Ohio on May 22. Attending the happy event from Indianapolis were his uncle and his family: Sheila, David, Jennifer, Michelle and Cheryl.

OLE! With a Mexican dinner party Karin and Jerry Veal celebrated Jerry's 38th birthday on May 22 in their home. Participating in the festivities were Stacy and Mark Daub, Maureen and Scott Durham, Andrea and Henry Leopold, Jane and Wayne Willis, Kathrine and Terry Thompson, Mary Alice Veal of Bloomington; Mercedes and Mike McKenzie-Veal, Betty and J.D. Waltes, Tina and Jim Walker and others.

Shulevitz Award to Jessica Bennett

BLOOMINGTON — Jessica Bennett of Indianapolis was named winner of the inaugural Norman Shulevitz Scholarship in Jewish Studies competition. Bennett, who is a Jewish studies and sociology major with minors in religion and psychology, is serving as the Judaica coordinator at the Jewish Community Center this summer. Bennett will split the Shulevitz Scholar \$2,500

scholarship for the 1993-4 academic year with another Shulevitz scholar winner, yet to be announced.

Applicants were considered on the basis of academic achievement and financial need, and the competition was open to sophomores and juniors who were majoring in Jewish studies or were enrolled in the Jewish studies certificate program.

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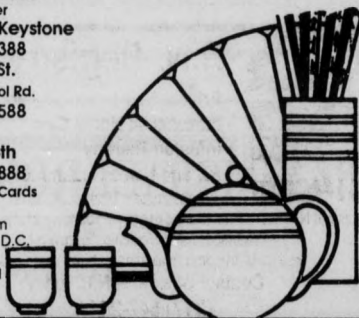
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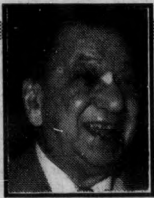
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NORM WEISMAN

Editor's Note: For the first time in years an edition of The P-O was published without a column by Norman Weisman. Since the editor reads everything



before it goes into the paper, he therefore doesn't read the paper after it is published and hadn't noticed the omission.

The composing room says it advised the editor that there was no column from Weisman last week, but the editor must have been thinking about something else when he was informed. In any event here are two columns from Mr. Weisman dated by the proper weeks.

May 19

FLASH! Chuckles. A taxpayer is one who has the government on his payroll... AND... America is one place where they have complete control of how they pay their taxes, cash-checks or money orders... AND... I wonder if Congress let the price of postal stamps be increased in order to cut down the many letters (?) sent them... AND... A good political speech includes some "shortening"... AND... A fellow was heard to say, "I wouldn't mind paying taxes if I knew it was going to a 'friendly' country... AND... Ireland is the richest country in the world. Her capital has been "Dublin" for many years... AND... Doctors are becoming easier to find these days because the "caddys" all have portable phones... AND... He said he went to Washington, DC and visited the tax department. He wanted to see the people he's working for.

FLASH! Congrats to Rachel Stein (Larry/Arlene Weinberg) and David Silverman, who were married Saturday, May 8 at Beth-El Zedeck. After a wonderful honeymoon in Puerto Val-

laria, the happy couple will return to Birmingham, Mich., where they will make their future home. Mazel Tov to the Weinberg and Silverman families.

FLASH! Congrats to our own Eileen Prince who was chosen "teacher of the year." She was on Channel 6 news several days ago. Eileen teaches Art at the Sycamore School. A great honor for a great teacher.

FLASH! A true-ism. To be 70 years "young" is sometimes far more "cheerful" and "hopeful" than to be 40 years "old."

Flash! Daffynitions. (Optimist)-A person who buys a "life-time" pen while living in Chicago. (Miser)-A miser is the only one who can live on his income. (Good match)-A gal who marries a man with money to burn. (Passport photo)-The way to see yourself as others see you. (Money)-Teaching children the value of money makes them "dissatisfied" with what you have given them. (Remember an allowance is what you pay your children to live with you. tee hee)

FLASH! Mark your calendar for the birthday celebration of Israel's 45th on Sunday, June 13, 1993 at the JCC, 1-5 p.m. A family affair with food, art exhibits, puppet show, Camel rides, music, dancing — and much more. Plan to bring the family to the Israel-fest.

FLASH! The B'nai B'rith Bowling Banquet was held last week at Broadmoor. New officers for 1993-94 were elected. They are Dave Gilma, pres.; Don Siegel, vice-pres.; Bob Schwartz, treas.; and Doug Seidman, sec. Trophies and prizes were given to the bowlers. All were saying, "Wait 'till next year." Keep going, B'nai B'rith bowlers.

FLASH! Her name is Julia Richter and she is a Federation Intern. Julia is a very interesting person. More about her later.

FLASH! Norm's philosophy of the week. Blessed be he who expects nothing for he never will be disappointed.

FLASH! Jest for laffs. Some people have alarm clocks. I have my wife's elbow... OR... An IRS tax collector is a man who is looking for "untold" wealth... OR... Beauty is always within — within jars, tubes and compacts... OR... When he asked his wife what is she having for dinner, she said her family... OR... A "minute" at the table doesn't put weight on — it's the "seconds"... OR... The best gift to give to a man who has every is a burglar alarm... OR... A kiss over the phone is like a straw hat — it isn't felt.

FLASH! Hadassah has chosen their officers for the coming year. Indianapolis Chapter of Hadassah Exec. Board President, Evelyn Harris; Henrietta Szold Group, Rosanne Fruehman; Ha'ima Group, Karin Veal; and P'nat Group, Rosalie Gussow. Good luck to the continuing presidents and to the newly-elected president.

FLASH! A double celebration will be held by Sally/Harvey Slaughter as they celebrate their 52nd anniversary and Harvey's 75th birthday, both on the same day, May 18. Harvey is vice president of the NFL (not for ladies) Men's Club. Their son Michael of San Francisco, who is a prominent magazine writer and musician on the west coast, will attend the celebration together with other family members and friends. To Sally and Harvey — you're both wonderful and good wishes for many more happy occasions.

FLASH! A true-ism. When wishes won't work... work... FLASH! If my readers will see the movie "Dave" now playing, they will see the "funniest" and "cleverest" satire on a president. You will understand why Harry Truman said, "The White House is the finest prison in the world."

FLASH! A mis-print? The item from the City Council said that the report on E. T. Burke, "Fire Chief," will be approved and placed on fire (file)... FLASH! True or false. Many a gal with a "negative" personality can be developed in a darkroom.

FLASH! The Indy B'nai B'rith is planning the 141st Annual District 20 Convention which will start Saturday, June 26. Details later.

FLASH! A cutie. Two strangers met in the heart of darkest Africa and one said, "Dr. Livingston, I presume." "That's correct." "Doctor, I have a pain in my back." "Why tell me. I'm a dentist."

FLASH! Celebrating a May birthday are Norm Gurwitz, Marc Aronstam, Dr. Arthur Provvisor, Walter Kohn, Paul Goldstein, Rosanne Yaver, Bill Lurvey, Bob Solow and Dr. Stuart Engelberg... Happy May anniversary to Larry/Amy Micon; Dori/Jerry Bluestein; Mickie/David Curvis; Leslie/Jeffrey Gould... and a special anniversary greeting to Bea/Harry Burnstein. You-all enjoy your day.

FLASH! Sign in tavern: When we drink, we get drunk./When we get drunk, we go to sleep./When we sleep, we commit no sin./When we commit no sin, we go to heaven./So let's all get drunk and go to heaven.

May 26

FLASH! Chuckles. Many politicians think they are "open" minded — but it's really their mouths... AND... If the "middle-class" is the backbone of this country, then we need a chiropractor... AND... There are more leaks in Congress than in all the tenements in New York... AND... This country has a graduated income tax, but what we really need is one that is "left-back"... AND... These days, most people work on a 9 to 5 job. These are no longer the hours — they are the odds of getting laid off... AND... Have you noticed many persons are smoking more — but "affordingly" less... AND... He received an award from the Society of Pharmaceutical Research. He invented three new types of sandwiches... AND... Nowadays politicians are running from one part of the country to another making personal and TV appearances. I wonder if many of them wouldn't get more votes if the public didn't see them.

FLASH! It's a first. On Jan. 3, 1993, Janet (Dave) Gilman was the first woman to bowl in an Indianapolis B'nai B'rith Bowling League, and bowled with a team called "Friends." Janet is a member of B'nai

B'rith International. Very interesting news. More about Janet and bowling later. Welcome Janet.

FLASH! Mazel Tov to Harry Atlas (Miriam/Jim) and Batsheva Itzkowitz (Marvin/Sara of Baltimore, MD) who will be married on July 4 in Baltimore. Harry is attending the University of Maryland and Batsheva is also a University student. They will be making their home in Baltimore. Congrats to the Atlas and Itzkowitz families and good luck to the happy couple.

FLASH! Dear Readers: I am on my 28th year of writing (off and on) this weekly column. I started writing in 1946. I hope I am still doing what I intended to do when I first started to write — to be helpful and bring our community closer together by publicizing our temples, synagogues, clubs and organization activities. To also announce happy "simchas" as weddings, engagements, birthdays and anniversaries and add a few chuckles (I hope). I love our community.

FLASH! Daffynitions. (Union matches)-They "strike" anywhere. (Buck fever)-love of money. (Installation plan)-The only method of having people do things on "time." (Cupid)-When he hits the mark he usually "Mrs." it. (Dollar sign)-An "S" that was double crossed. (\$) (Bar examination)-Process of determination of how much you can hold. (Night club)-A place where people who are not hungry eat things they don't like at a price they can't afford.

FLASH! The last meeting of the NFL (not for ladies) Mens Club was fortunate to have Avrum Herman as their guest speaker. Av had accepted a special volunteer program in Israel, and spent several weeks there on an army base working with medical supplies. He showed terrific slides on the trip and

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By CHARLES EPSTEIN

Columbia Pictures has another hit comedy on its hands. *Lost In Yonkers* is the film version of Neil Simon's Pulitzer Prize winning play.



Simon's adaptation of his play to the screen is an admirable one with many exterior scenes. This is a wonderfully bittersweet film. There are many hilarious scenes, as one would expect, plus some added heartwarming enjoyment.

The story centers around two boys whose father leaves them to live with their "mean" German grandmother, played by the stern Irene Worth. Grandma had six children. Four of them are still living: the boys' father, one uncle and two aunts. This is a wacky family, full of off-beat characters.

The wackiest is Aunt Bella, marvelously portrayed by Mercedes Ruehl. Her silliness grows on you. Her childlike mentality spouts many funny lines as well as gaining plenty of sympathy. She is some screwball.

Ruehl and Worth repeat their roles from the stage presentation. You can see why. Nobody could possibly be better than either of them. Ruehl previously won an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress in *The Fisher King*. In this picture she has moved up a splendid notch, vying for a nomination for Best Actress. Irene Worth should easily get a nomination as Best Supporting Actress. These two actresses are simply wonderful. I hope this film will be remembered next year in the for the Oscars. It will be a shame if either of these fine actresses is overlooked.

This is a talented cast, assembled by director Martha Coolidge. David Strathairn plays Ruehl's love interest. Unfortunately for her, he is a little slow on the uptake. He also has a literacy problem,

among many others that make this couple an extraordinary if not an optimistic one. Strathairn gives a highly sympathetic performance.

Flamboyant Richard Dreyfuss plays Uncle Louis to the hilt. He has sinister mobster connections. Director Coolidge, who had complete control over all the other actors, seemed to let the uncontrollable Dreyfuss have his way. Many of his bits are overdone.

There are many interesting performances in this film. The two boys should not go unnoticed as well as their father and the actress who plays the Aunt who has trouble breathing.

Parts of this movie were shot in Indiana and around Cincinnati to get the oldtime feeling of 1942 in Yonkers, just north of New York City. It was hard to tell if the river in the film was the Hudson or the Ohio.

Lost In Yonkers is another wonderful summer comedy. Its wacky family will make you laugh and cry — also, thankful that those folks on the screen are not your relatives.

By CYRELLE SIMON

"Leyn a Buch Un Zei Gezunt" (Read a book and be healthy) — Most readers are familiar with the National Yiddish Book Center established by McArthur Award Winner Aaron Lansky in Amherst, Mass. A main purpose of the center is to redistribute discarded Yiddish books to colleges and universities around the world. Purdue University is now the recipient of 2,000 books representing a comprehensive library of Yiddish works. The recent acquisition was arranged by Joe Haber, director of the Jewish Studies Program. The cost of shipping, packing and cataloging was shared jointly by the Jewish Studies Program and the school of humanities.

Teaching award: Mazal Tov to the Elster family on the achievement of Professor Charles, who recently won the Purdue School of Education's Outstanding Undergraduate Teacher Award. Charles has many interests in addition to his professional work. He is an avid pianist, Israeli folk dancer and has recently composed an original Friday night service for Temple Israel.

Holocaust Remembrance Conference Followup — Rabbi Gedalyah Engel, originator, and with Professor Earl

Prohofskey, co-coordinator of this year's 12th annual Holocaust Remembrance Conference, announced that a letter has been sent to President Clinton calling for him to "act to curb a reign of terror" in the former Yugoslavia. "We don't want 'ethnic cleansing,'" says Engel, adding "The whole world cares and President Clinton has to be encouraged. This should not happen again if we lift our voices and show our concern."

A Chassene — Shonna Diskin, daughter of Professor Marvin and Sandra Diskin, will be married to Adam Kline on Sunday, June 6, at the sons of Abraham Synagogue. Shonna, who was born and brought up in West Lafayette, resides in Beverly Hills, Calif., where she is an accomplished film writer. Her latest production, focusing on the character of Rebecca in Sir Walter Scott's *Ivanhoe*, "is being considered for airing on the BBC. Mazal Tov to the whole family.

Center campaign

Special inducements for new members will be offered by the Jewish Community Center during its month-long campaign beginning on June 13, it was announced by Kim LaSalle, director of membership. The campaign will be kicked off at Israelfest, the festival celebrating Israel's 45th anniversary.

Hoffman

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philosophy and history and, in fact, actually repeated his victory three years ago when he won the Bern Competition in 1990. Last year he was the recipient of the Senior Achievement Award of the IU Honors Division.



Matthew Scott Reisweg

Sperber, New Rochelle, N.Y. and paternal grandparents are Sadie and Rube Reisweg.

Matthew Reisweg to be bar mitzvah

Matthew Scott Reisweg, son of Adrienne and Joseph Reisweg, will become bar mitzvah at services at Beth-El Zedeck Congregation Saturday, June 5. Matt is a seventh grader at Westlane Middle School and sings in its choir. He is an avid soccer player and is the goalkeeper for the Saints Football Club. He plays basketball at the Center. He has appeared on the stage of Theatre on the Square, Footlite Musicals and Civic Theatre. He also is in the third year of piano studies, and is a graduate of the Bureau of Jewish Education.

His maternal grandparents are Laura and Philip

HAI-Life Award

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Education Award, a distinction shared by only three other Indiana schools. In 1991, the Academy was privileged to receive the Jerusalem Award from the government of the school's advances in promoting the survival of Jewish religious

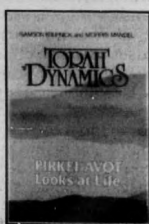
and cultural identity.

The school was founded in 1971 and is located at 6602 Hoover Road. Tickets for the 1993 HAI-Life Awards Dinner are available at \$125 per person. Any interested in attending should contact Sheila Tandler at 251-1261.

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Editorial

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sermon was prepared before the Frankfort schools settlement took place, but it remains relevant. He said Price represents groups eager "to use students for their own campaign to push as much religion into the public schools as they can."

Milder made the point that "It is not a forum for free speech when the school administration controls what takes place at graduation. ... If the Supreme Court upholds student-initiated prayers at graduation ceremonies, you can expect to hear a lot of Christian prayers."

He said if the prayer advocates get what they want,

which is religion in schools, "it will not be our religion."

He urged the congregation, "Please, if your schools are considering prayers at graduation, ask them to refrain from doing so. You don't have to be a student; you don't have to be a parent of a student. We all have a right to tell the schools how they should behave, because we all support them."

Consider this comment from Marcia Goldstone, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Indianapolis:

"I feel that the school boards and school corporations are very political animals, who will undertake a

particular point of view even though they know it's incorrect according to the law and the Constitution, because it might be popular." She said a school attorney may advise his board, "OK, the Supreme Court says we're not going to win it, but the whole country is going to hell in a handbasket and all this has happened because prayer and God were taken out of schools. Let's do what we want and to hell with the law."

This essentially is what happened at Rensselaer, in northern Indiana, when the school insisted the Gideons had a right to come into its classrooms and distribute Bibles, Goldstone said.

"It never should have gone to the courts. They spent money — taxpayers' money — in the pursuit of a case they had no chance to win."

The reversal came, unanimously, in the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Goldstone said — in line with a growing trend to penalize people who bring frivolous lawsuits, — U.S. District Judge Alan Sharp ought to be made to pay some sort of formal penalty for a ruling certain to be reversed.

"He, as a person who presumably knows the law, did not respond in a way that was appropriate, but chose to respond in just the opposite way — politically."

"(Indiana Editorials will be rare. We prefer straight reportage, but certain topics seem to lack perspective if we print only the facts. Ed Statmann)"

Purdue

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of mankind's experience. By doing so, they deepen our appreciation for what is truly worthwhile in our heritage.

When years ago, we started Jewish studies at Purdue, it was the tacit agreement among all of us that we wanted to make the Jewish experience visible to ourselves and to the rest of the university. Our efforts, we hoped, would be of benefit to the whole Purdue community. We've made a start. We have a long way to go.

Farahan brothers will receive HAI-Life Award

Three brothers who immigrated to the U.S. from Iran during the early 70s will be honored as this year's HAI-Life Award recipients at a community-wide banquet hosted by the Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis. Abraham, Gabriel and David Farahan will receive the coveted awards at the 22nd Anniversary HAI-Life Awards Dinner slated for June 6 in the Radisson Grand Ballroom. The brothers, along with other family members, own and operate The Royal Gallery of Rugs at the northside Fashion Mall.

The Gallery is the largest outlet of its kind in the Midwest. The brothers have been stalwart supporters of the Hebrew Academy both as parents (15 Farahan children have been enrolled in the school to date) and as contributors. "The Farahans have played leadership roles in every campaign we've run!" stated the school's development director, Sheila Tamler. "It is because of their consistent support of quality education that they have been selected for this award." Previous winners of the HAI-Life Award include Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel and former Indiana Governor Robert D. Orr.

"This evening is going to be truly extraordinary," promises dinner chairman and noted Indianapolis surgeon, Dr. Stephen Leapman. "We are anticipating a record attendance due to the Farahans' many friends in this community." Graduation exercises for the school's outgoing eighth grade class will also be carried out.

Featured speaker at the event, in addition to Indiana Governor Evan Bayh and In-

dianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith, will be Israeli political leader, Dr. Benjamin Begin. Dr. Begin is a son of late Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Ze'ev Benjamin (Benny) Begin was born in Jerusalem during the Jewish revolt against the British occupation, a revolt being led by his father! He was named after his father's mentor, Ze'ev Jabotinsky. Dr. Begin earned his Ph.D. in geology from Colorado State University and now lives in Jerusalem. He will be discussing the current Middle East political and economic situation.

A highlight of the evening will no doubt be a special comedy appearance by the one and only Sammy Shore. Sammy was recently voted as the best comedy act in Atlantic City by the local press. He has performed with such luminaries as Sammy Davis, Jr., Julio Iglesias, Frank Sinatra, Bob Hope, Elvis Presley and of course, Connie Stevens. Sammy was a founder of the Comedy Store, which served as a catalyst in the careers of nationally known comedians such as Robin Williams and David Letterman. Sammy has appeared in such films as *Life Stinks!* and *The History of the World*.

Doing the emcee honors will be local businessman Peter Weisz.

The Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis is a traditional Jewish Day School with an enrollment of over 280 students in grades pre-school through eight. The school enjoys an unsurpassed record of academic achievement and in 1990 was the recipient of the Department of Education's Excellence in

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Norm

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program, starting with shots as he departed the plane in Israel and ending with those of his departure to Indy. It was a most interesting and delightful afternoon and all enjoyed the slides of many families he visited with special areas and cities and other interesting items. He also wore a uniform while on base. Come back, Av, as all the members really loved your presentation."

FLASH! Norm's philosophy of the week. Always put off till tomorrow, what you shouldn't do at all... FLASH! Health hint: There are no calories or cholesterol in finger-nails. (Chew on that for a while)... FLASH! A tee hee. He's such a hypochondriac that he fills his waterbed with chicken soup.

FLASH! The Golden Age Club will hold its anniversary luncheon on Tuesday, June 8. Special entertainment (Jewish Songs of My Youth) will be presented by Sidney Mishkin. He is great and you will enjoy. Make plans to attend, at the JCC, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

FLASH! I'm puzzled. I tried to figure why parents spend the first half of a child's life urging him to walk and talk; and the rest of his childhood days making him sit down and keep quiet... FLASH! Sign on church lawn: "Walketh not in green pastures."

FLASH! Reminder. Anyone over the age of 60, who

needs shopping transportation for groceries can call the Center on Thursday, 251-9467 for free grocery transportation on Sunday afternoon. You must make the reservation.

FLASH! Jest for laffs. When going to a restaurant, always ask for a table nearest a waiter... OR... He said, "Yeah, I ate my carrots when I was a kid and still ended up wearing bifocals."... OR... The personal manager showed his boss a really wild job application. (Married?) 4 times; (children?) No, all grown women... OR... I always wonder about people who say they pay through the nose. I wonder how they do it... OR... Medicine is supposed to make you feel better, but it's the prices that make you sick... FLASH! I love this. She married a prominent automobile dealer. She wanted to be sure her marriage was guaranteed to last at least for 5 years or 50,000 miles.

FLASH! Birthday greetings to Irene Weintraub, Oren Gottlieb, Helen Zukerberg, Sid Glansman, Debbie Sandock, Morris Schwartz, Leo Miller and Allan Segal... Happy anniversary greetings to Ruth/Sam Chernin; Carol/Harold Blatter; Joe/Abbie Fogle; Shirley/Bob Caresky and Kathy/Howard Gross. You all enjoy your day.

FLASH! Never trust an accordion player. He plays both ends against the middle.

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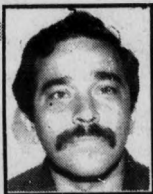
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High school All-American basketball team

By SHEL WALLMAN

Our starting five, with quickness and fire power in the backcourt and size and rebounding in the frontcourt, could play with any high



school team, but it's too soon to tell how much help they'll bring to the languishing Jewish role in college Division I hoops. Now let's meet our 11th annual Jewish High School All-America Basketball Team for 1992-93.

FIRST-TEAM

Akiva Sapir — Forest Hills H.S.-6:5 (F) from Forest Hills, NY.

Ruslan Inyatkin — Hall H.S.-6:6 (F) from West Hartford, CT.

Harley Marks — West Bloomfield H.S.-6:7 (C) from West Bloomfield, MI.

Matthew Fuchs — Midwood H.S.-6:1 (G) from Brooklyn, NY.

Brett Nisenson — Jericho H.S.-5:8 (G) Jericho, NY.

Having arrived in New York from Israel only two years ago, Akiva Sapir

wasted little time in establishing himself as one of the City's premier forwards. Akiva led Forest Hills H.S. to an 18-6 record and the playoffs with 18 ppg and 10 boards. He was named *Newsday* All-Queens, 1st-team, and hopes to sign with a low Division I team.

Another recent arrival to our shores is Ruslan Inyatkin of the ex-USSR who played for Hall H.S. in Connecticut. A multi-talented cager, the 6:6 Inyatkin can play forward or guard, passes well, has good range and can take it to the hoop. He tallied 19.6 ppg with 10.5 rebounds and his coach informs us that he will play his college ball for UConn in the Best East.

A wide-body at 6:7, 250, West Bloomfield H.S.'s (17-5) Harley Marks enjoys contact, likes to muscle up and is strong, but he also has a soft touch from 10 feet and is a deft passer. Harley netted 13 ppg with 11 caroms and 6 assists. He was named all-league, all-area and hopes to sign with a low Division I team.

Matthew Fuchs has compiled big numbers for Lincoln H.S. over the past two years, this season knocking down 23 ppg and dishing for 7 assists. His biggest number, however, was the 1,180 he compiled on the SATs, good for acceptance to Columbia U. and Div. I college hoops.

Matt was a *Newsday* All-Brooklyn, 1st-team, selection.

Brett Nisenson of Jericho (NY) H.S. (13-3) is the consummate point guard. His coach, Wallach Bachman, has said, "Brett is the best guard on Long Island. No one sees the court like Brett. He lights up the lanes." With 20 ppg and 10 assists, Brett was named *Newsday* All-Nassau County, 1st-team (top-12), and was the MVP at the Exceptional Senior Game on Long Island. Brett will play his college hoops at Pace U. (Div. II).

SUPER SENIOR TEN

Dave Fenkel — Friends Central-5:10 (G) from Wynnewood, PA. With great hands and instincts, Dave led his 13-8 team in scoring with 16.7 ppg and in assists, rebounds, steals and three pointers. Dave was named all-league and All-Main Line Area. His college plans are incomplete.

Glenn Granz — Crescenta Valley H.S.-6:3 (F) from La Crescenta, CA. Crescenta Valley went 20-4 and was the 7th ranked school in California. Glenn scored 13.7 ppg (#2), dished for 4.4 assists and led the club with 9.8 boards. Named all-league and all-area, his college plans are incomplete.

Andy Gutschneider — Oyster Bay H.S.-6:7 (C) from Oyster Bay, NY. Oyster Bay went 14-5 and won the Class C County championship. He deposited 16 ppg and took down 11 rebounds. Andy was named *Newsday* All-Nassau County, 2nd-team, and will join Brett Nisenson at Pace U.

Darren Hertz — Killian H.S.-5:10 (G) from Miami. Killian H.S. was the district runner-up with a 23-8 record. Darren penetrates, plays hard-nosed defense, hits the clutch three and has court sense. He was named All-Dade County, honorable mention, but does not plan to play college hoops.

Brian Katz — Wayne Valley H.S.-5:1 (G) from Wayne, NJ. No response from Wayne's coach so we can only report that he was named All-Passaic County, 2nd-team.

Mike Kingsley — Sharon H.S.-5:8 (G) from Sharon, MA. Mike ran the offense and the break, was too quick to press and demonstrated a great work effort while guiding his

club to a 19-4 record. He led the team in scoring (15 ppg), assists and steals. Mike was named all-league, was MVP of the Holiday Tournament and was named All-State Academic, 2nd-team. His college plans are incomplete.

Judd Kleinman — Ocean Township H.S.-6:2 (F) from Oakhurst, NJ. Serving as co-captain, Judd led his team with 19.5 ppg on 48 percent shooting and 7.0 rebounds. He was named *Star-Ledger* All-Monmouth County, 3rd-team, and will play his college hoops at FDU-Madison (Div. III).

Michael Kornblau — Dalton School-6:4 (F) from New York, NY. In his first year at Dalton, Michael led the way with 19.2 ppg and 10.6 caroms. A determined, aggressive player, Michael was named *Newsday* All-NYC Private, 1st-team, and All-State, Class C, 7th-team. His college plans are incomplete.

Eric Lazar — Pine Crest School-6:5 (F/C) from Fort Lauderdale, FL. Eric led his squad with 20.2 ppg and 12.1 boards. He was named All-Broward County, I-A, II-A schools, 1st-team. His college plans are incomplete.

Jon Sack — Roslyn H.S.-6:3 (G) from Roslyn, NY. A pure shooter and an excellent student (1200+ on SAT); Jon netted 20.5 ppg, brought down 5.7 bounds, fed for 3.3 assists and came away with 3.6 steals. Jon was named *Newsday* All-Nassau County, 2nd-team. His college plans are incomplete.

JUNIORS OF INFLUENCE

Dov Barnett — Riverdale Country-6:4 (F) from New York, NY. A power forward who can take it to the hoop, climb the glass and dish. Dov led his club in boards and scoring with 18.0 ppg. He was named *Newsday* All-NYC Private Schools, 1st-team, and All-State, Class C, 3rd-team.

Scott Garson — Harvard/Westlake School-6:1 (G/F) from Los Angeles. Utilizing such diverse skills as handling, bounding and shooting 3's, Scott accounted for 17 ppg on 60 percent shooting with 8 rebounds. Scott's coach believes he has Division I potential.

Brent Fisher — East High School-6:5 (F) from Cherry

Hill, NJ. Brent plays with talent and an attitude. He averaged 18.4 ppg, took down 10.6 caroms with aggressive board play and also led the team in drawing offensive fouls. Brent was named All-Conference, 1st-team, and All-South Jersey, Group Four, 2nd-team.

Leon Fridmar — Swampscott (MA) H.S.-6:5

(F). Leon grew in height and in the ability to execute this past year. He netted 12 ppg, 9 caroms and made All-Conference. The *Salem Evening News* named him to its All-Star, 1st-team.

Jamie Horowitz — South H.S.-6:2 (G) from Newton, MA. Let's hope Jamie did not peak as a junior. He led South H.S. to a 19-3 record and a league championship while scoring 18.8 ppg on 50 percent shooting, 78 percent from the stripe, taking down 6.8 caroms and dishing for 5.9 assists. Jamie was named co-MVP of the Dual County League.

Ryan Lexter — Council Rock H.S.-6:8 (C) from Newton, PA. Ryan led the Rock to a 20-8 record and a league title while accounting for 13.6 ppg on 51 percent shooting, 65 percent from the line, climbing for 7.1 boards and feeding for 2.0 assists. Ryan was named all-league, 2nd-team, and his coach believes he is a Division I candidate if he improves his strength and outside shot.

No stats were received from his school, but Josh Carl — Glenbrook North H.S.-5:10 (G) from Northbrook, IL, had an outstanding season.

Crisscrossing the U.S.

There is a thin line separating the players already listed and many other deserving cagers. Let's meet some: **Justin Alford** (Jr) — Noble & Greenough (MA) School-5:9 (G); **Jon Brand** (Sr) — Cherry Hill East (NJ) H.S.-6:2 (G); **David Bray** (Jr) — Wayne Hills (NJ) H.S.-5:10 (G); **David Duke** (Sr) — Cardozo (NYC) H.S.-6:2 (G); **Erik Florenz** (Jr) — Flushing (NYC) H.S.-6:4 (F); **Derek Frank** (Sr) — Dwight Englewood (NJ) School-6:0 (G); **Ryan Fried** (Jr) — Berkely (MI) H.S.-6:0 (G); **Sam Gilbert** (M) (Soph) — Fieldston (NYC) School-6:1 (F); **Wes Goldberg** (Jr) — Riv-

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450 ambulances and much more

Dear editor,

I wish to thank you for giving us such a very exciting sendoff in reference to our forthcoming affair on Sunday, June 27, at the Westin O'Hare Hotel.

This has been an annual event for the past many years. Before the dinner, we usually dedicate the Ambulances and Mobile Intensive Care Units that were contributed and the donors are present at this special ceremony. In addition, during the dinner hour, we also present Golden Ambulance Awards to the donors in the presence of their friends and relatives.

Also, again we must make a correction as to the number of vehicles the Chicago chapter Magen David Adom has provided for Israel. The actual count for the past 40 years is well over the 450 mark. We usually average ten to 12 vehicles per year. The Standard Ambulances today cost \$38,900 and the Mobile Intensive Care Units are \$59,900 each.

In addition, the Chicago Chapter Magen David Adom has provided the funds to build MDA First Aid Stations in Rehovot, Ashkelon, Dimona, Neve Yaacov, Petach Tikvah and additions to Haifa and Jerusalem branches.

So, you see, the Almighty watches over us and gives Magen David Adom these miracles. Besides shipping all these lifesaving vehicles to Israel, our Chapter provides the funds for the maintenance of the ambulances and the MDA First Aid Stations.

Our chapter fulfilled its pledge of one million dollars towards the construction of the MDA National Blood Bank Center in Ramat Gan and transferred over a half million dollars for the purchase of vital equipment for this modern facility.

I could go on and on... As you know, I am not a professional, and only get "nachas" in knowing that in some way we are helping the survival of Israel.

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Masada lesson not elevating

Dear editor,

Over the years I have become less and less infatuated with Masada. That is the fortress overlooking the Dead Sea where in 73 C.E. 960 Jews, men women and children committed mass suicide rather than surrender to the Romans. Two women and five children survived by hiding in a cistern. In the past when I would lead groups to Israel, particularly youth, we would climb the mount with silent reverence. Often I would organize a bat mitzvah at Masada because girls were not allowed to chant the Torah at the Orthodox-controlled Western Wall in Jerusalem.

Now I still lead groups to Mount Masada, but without the unquestioning reverence I once felt and encouraged. After mass suicides at Jonestown and now at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, I believe it would be irresponsible to commemorate such suicide in the name of martyrdom. And for a bat mitzvah, I have discovered an inspiring site on Mount Scopus overlooking the Western Wall.

Religion has been described with such definitions as "the ground of our being," "our highest value," "the pursuit of the sacred." But we also know that it can express the worst as well as the best in humanity. Eric Fromm in *Psychoanalysis and Religion* examined religion from the views of human pathology as well as of our highest aspirations. Fromm pointed out that every person is religious, whether we acknowledge this or not. Religion is what helps us cope with the awesome knowledge of our own mortality. So Fromm cautioned that we should not inquire whether we are religious or not, because we are whether we are aware of it or not. Rather we should ask what kind of religion? Is it one that heightens our potential as human beings, or reduces us to bizarre dependence?

The ugly events at Waco, Texas, should warn us never to take any religion lightly. Of course, none of us would ever condone such a mon-

strosity as occurred there. It does not express our modern Jewish religious values, so we would insist. Then why do we continue to venerate the mass murders and suicides in the name of Judaism at Masada? I prefer the wise advice of the great Rabbi Akiva who said concerning such mass suicides of Masada and elsewhere: "Leave them unmourned. Speak neither well nor ill of them." (Sema-hoth, Chapter 2 Verse 1).

When our rabbis allow us to violate the sabbath and virtually every other commandment in order to save a human life including our own life, they quote the verse in Leviticus 18/5 "That you may LIVE by them."

Religion evokes powerful human energies. It should be used with care.

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Clothing sought of immigrant wear

Dear editor,

The Chicago Historical Society is developing an exhibition called "Becoming American Women: Clothing and the Jewish Immigrant Experience, 1880-1920," to open in March 1994. We are currently collecting material for the exhibit and are hoping that your readers might be able and willing to help us.

As its title suggests, the show will explore the ways Jewish women coming from Eastern Europe at the turn of the century transformed themselves from "greenhorn" immigrants into more or less assimilated Americans. We will look especially closely at the role of dress in this process, and at the ways changes in women's appearances both reflected and contributed to changes in their lives.

Clothing and artifacts from midwestern Jewish families will play a crucial role in helping us to tell these women's stories. We are interested in both loans and donations. Of particular interest are:

Clothing worn on the passage to the United States, clothing worn by first and second generation immigrant

women between 1880 and 1920 (dresses, skirts, blouses, shirtwaists), corsets, shoes, outer garments such as coats, hats, furs, toiletries and cosmetics or their packaging, parasols, jewelry, hair ornaments, sheitel (wig), trunks and valises used by immigrants, any women's or girl's clothing worn in Eastern Europe and photographs of life in Eastern Europe.

We also hope to collect

Israel is victor in Davis Cup play

LISBON — Israel's Amos Mansdorf played some of his best tennis to defeat Joao Cunha Silva of Portugal to give Israel a 3-2 victory in David Cup Play. After defeating Portuguese No. 2

personal stories and memories of the trip to America and of Jewish women's early experiences in their adopted country. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

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Nuno Marques Mansdorf found Silva unyielding but finally eked out a tough first set by 7-6(8-6) and went on to take the next two sets by 6-4, 7-5.

30th win still eludes Alcott

That 30th victory in the tournament that will land her in the LPGA Hall of Fame eluded Amy Alcott once again in the McDonald's Championship.

The Jewish Star shot four rounds of 73-72-73-73 for a total of 291 to finish far down the line from the 277 score of winner Laura Davies.

Notables awarded honorary degrees

Honorary degrees awarded to Jews announced by various institutions this week include the doctorates to Dr. Seymour Martin Lipset, Dr. Sidney Peerless, Allen H. Berkman and Dr. Shemaryahu Talmon by

HUC-JIR; to George Burns, by Brandeis University; to Morton Mandel, Dr. Gershon Metzger, Dr. Laurence J. Marton, Irwin Shapiro, Dr. Menachem Brayer and Dr. Isadore Twersky by Yeshiva University.

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erdale (NYC) Country-5:11 (G); Adam Good (Sr) — Friends (NY) Academy-6:2 (G).

Also Josh Gorman (Sr) — Lindenhurst (NY) H.S.-6:3 (G); Oliver Hiller-Hurst (Jr) — Hunter College (NYC) H.S.-5:1 (G); Brett Huberman (Sr) — Lower Moreland (PA) H.S.-5:8 (G); Farren Hurwitz (Sr) — Zion (FL) Lutheran-6:4 (F); Matt Kessler (Jr) — Council Rock (PA) H.S.-6:4 (F); Brian Laibow (Fr) — Agoura (CA) H.S.-6:2 (G); Brian La Voe (Soph) — Cherry Hill East (NJ) H.S.-6:7 (C); Craig Luckman (Sr) — Highland Park (IL) H.S.-6:2 (F); Dennie Nave (Sr) — Newton South (MA) H.S.-6:3 (F); Ethan Parker (Jr) — Montclair (CA) Prep-6:1 (G); Jon Penn (Sr) — Horace (NYC) Mann-5:9 (G).

Also Larry Randell (Sr) — JFK Plainville (NY) H.S.-6:3 (G/F); Jason Reis (Sr) — Francis Lewis (NYC) H.S.-6:0 (G); Andy Rosen (Jr) — An-

dover (MI) H.S.-6:2 (G); Eric Rosenbloom (Sr) — Episcopal (PA) Academy; Mark Saada (Sr) — Hillel (FL) Academy; Ian Sack (Jr) — Sheephead Bay (NYC) H.S.-6:5 (F); Albie Schwartzberg (Jr) — Benjamin (FL) School-5:10 (G); Adam Segel (Sr) — Palisades (CA) H.S.-6:3 (F); Gabe Solomon (Jr) — Alderdice (PA) H.S.-6:0 (G).

Also Jason Stein (Soph) — Southside (NY) H.S.-6:5 (C); Jeff Steinberg (Sr) — Maimonides (MA) School-6:4 (F/C); Travis Terry (Sr) — Columbia (NYC) Prep-6:1 (G); Jeremy Wachtel (Sr) — Hebrew (FL) Academy; Alex Wancier (Jr) — St. Andrew's (FL) School-6:5 (F); Stefan Watstein (Soph) — Wantagh (NY) H.S.-6:1 (G); and Brian Zweben (Sr) — Oceanside (NY) H.S.-6:1 (G).

Who'd we miss? Write SHEL WALLMAN at 70 West 95 Street, #27G, New York, NY 10025 or call (212) 666-0352.

Black leadership

This is a difficult period for Jewish-black relations and as this is being written it seems that Prof. Leonard Jeffries will be rewarded for his anti-Semitic accusations.

To ask the question, student that he is, does Prof. Jeffries really believe that it was the Jews who controlled the slave trade? — tells the whole story. There are Jews today who are imprisoned for unethical stock maneuvering, but could it be said that Jews are responsible for whatever it is that one wants to accuse them of because of the several important Jews who have paid the penalty for their misdeeds in that area?

Jews must state their case when falsely accused, but when it comes to Jews in America and the black community, the record is so clear whether it was Julius Rosenwald or the Jew who founded and was president for a number of years of the NAACP or the fight that Jews have always been in the forefront of for equal rights for blacks, including two of our own daughters who went south to desegregate that part of the nation, one of whom was sentenced to 30 days in jail in Albany, Ga., for attempting to enroll them as voters. When that same daughter sought to desegregate an amusement park in Indianapolis, she could not find a black to join her in picketing.

The story can be told over and over again.

So what should be the Jewish position?

It should be exactly what it is, with the understanding that as time passes, blacks will no longer need to bolster their self-respect and confidence by accusations, baseless or not, against others.

So there is this period where Jews will be accused and used as a target when it is too risky for blacks to blame other elements of the general community for their problems.

Had there been no Julius Rosenwald, no Alexander Pekelis, no Sidney Hollander, no American Jewish Congress, no American rabbinates to support the blacks in every legitimate endeavor, that would have made no difference. Jews, whether they have or have not been strong supporters of black rights, should not as a group be falsely attacked.

So our role is clear.

The buffeting will not be pleasant, but endurable, and Jews should not desist in being supportive of black acceptance everywhere as we have been all these years.

In time everything passes, and the present situation also will become part of Jewish history. Meanwhile we have little choice but to continue to man the barricades and hope for the time when the authentic black leadership, no longer quieted by the militants, will speak out against the senseless vilifying of Jews.

It may be close to the time when that real black leadership should be expected to assert itself.

Sad news of Jews in Rio de Janeiro

JERUSALEM — Just how accurate is the news about the Jews in Brazil cannot be determined but a report under the heading, "Knesset Briefs" in The Jerusalem Post credited to Savrio Levinsky, chairman of the Association of Latin American Immigrants, that the

45,000-strong Jewish community in Rio de Janeiro has virtually ceased to function. He added that the rate of intermarriage was more than 75 percent and most of the Jews there are afraid to reveal their religious affiliation.

JEWISH POST & OPINION

We have tried over the years to find someone knowledgeable about the economic situation of Israel to write such a column for us, but with no luck. We had hoped to convince Daniel Doron, who writes from Israel for the Wall Street Journal, but he declined. Then when two years ago we heard a speaker at the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations who is stationed in Israel present a very lucid analysis of the economic situation in Israel, we broached him, but he did not respond to our letter.

Then at the G.A. in New York last year we became friendly with the publisher of a monthly "Forbes" type magazine in Tel Aviv and he agreed to arrange for one of his staff to write such a column for us. That also never materialized.

In last Wednesday's New York Times there was an op-page article by Mona Charen headed, "Israel's stagnant economy" in which she was merciless in her comment. "Israel's economy," she wrote, "continues to stagnate. Socialism has spawned labor shortages and unemployment, high rents and ghost towns, water shortages and agricultural subsidies."

The substance of her column was about the difficulty in securing authorization for establishment of FEPZ zones, Foreign Export Processing Zones, where products would be manufactured for export only and the companies are exempt from "the stifling taxes and regulations that characterize Israel's business climate."

The kind of column we have been seeking for 10 years or more could have made a difference in that pressure from American Jewish leaders might have been effective in securing what is about to take place but will still be years in achieving — taking the Is-

rael government out of the business world and permitting market economy to grow and flourish.

The letter from Milton Lambert in last week's issue correcting us on the number of ambulances The Chicago Jewish community, under his leadership, has supplied Israel Mogen David Adom — 450 in all — had its genesis in the announcement of the honor to



Milton and Gertrude Lambert

be paid Milton and his wife at the 27th Annual Interfaith Dinner of the Chicago Chapter of the organization at the Westin O'Hare on Sunday, June 27.

Don't you think that anyone who has done a job such as has Milton deserves every possible honor and also a picture of him and Gertrude in this "chair?"

5,753 or 15 billion as year of creation

JERUSALEM — The ultra Orthodox have been forbidden to visit the Planetarium at Tel Aviv's Eretz Yisrael Museum because of its date for the creation of the world as 15 billion years ago when Jewish tradition places it as 5,753 years ago. To meet the situation, a script-writer for the planetarium has devised a solution. The Haredim are told that creation "happened a long time ago."

Detroit Jews, Arabs hold 7th banquet

DETROIT — The American Arabic and Jewish Friends of Metropolitan Detroit held its seventh annual scholarship banquet at the Shenandoah Country Club, proceeds of which will provide academic scholarships to graduating high school students.

George Bashara and Arnold Michlin founded the group ten years ago, and now its membership totals 250 who meet several times a

year for discussions and recreational activities, according to The Detroit Jewish News.

In the competition for scholarships 80 essays were submitted on the subject, "What It Means To Be An American of Arabic or Jewish Descent."

Jeannie Weiner and Jack Hamady were honored for their years of community service and their dedication to building friendship between local Jews and Arabs.

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New crucifixion drama flirts with deicide story

CINCINNATI — Concerns over a new production which is said to be "not a Passion Play" but which is one anyway are being expressed by Jewish leaders as "Jesus Was His Name" begins a national tour.

New York's Cardinal O'Connor endorsed the production, praising the text, but admitting that he hadn't seen the staged show. "As one who abhors imputing guilt to the Jewish people for the crucifixion of Jesus, I do not find in the text of Robert Hoessein's play, 'Jesus Was His Name,' any support for the charge."

The ADL statement printed in the programs was adduced also by the promoters as clearance from the Jewish standpoint. Rabbi Leon Klenicki, who authored the ADL statement, told The American Israelite here that the ADL had hoped the statement would ameliorate the effect of the play and defuse "the images that have poisoned the world for centuries."

He said that he was surprised that it was being viewed as a show of support. "They couldn't convince anybody from ADL (that the play was innocuous)"

The production is scheduled to be performed in 31 cities.

Rabbi A. James Rudin, national interreligious affair director of the American Jewish Committee who came to see the play, said he had an open mind originally but "was not prepared for the ghoulish head (associated with the Jewish high priests) projected on the 80-foot screen."

Dr. Michael Cook, professor of intertestamental and early Christian literature at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, described the play as "extraordinarily disheartening." Most Christians would "simply see it as dovetailing with what they've always been taught."

The play is a production by two Frenchmen, film director Hossein and writer Alain Decaux, and costs \$24 million. It includes live performances from 58 actors.

Pontius Pilate appears not as a brutal and bloody ruler but as a noble and indecisive medieval knight.

Knesset Member's loyalty defended

JERUSALEM — When Arab Member of the Knesset Hashem Mahameed was challenged as one who would give away security secrets and therefore should be denied access to classified

documents, Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss came to his support. Dan Tichon, the Likud chairman of the state control committee, made the accusations.

This Jewry aged and shrinking

LONDON — A proposal by former Cabinet Minister Lord Young would establish a central planning agency for the Jewish community. It would be named the Central

Council for the Jewish Community and would serve, according to him, a Jewry "fragmented and disorganized...aging and shrinking in numbers..."

Concern on Hollywood's portrayal of Jews

CINCINNATI — The Jewish community should be concerned with the decline of the entertainment industry in terms of the quality of television and film offering as well as its financial woes.

This was the view of Michael Medved, who was here to promote his recent book, "Hollywood vs. America: Popular Culture and The War On Traditional Values."

Medved is co-host of *Sneak Previews*, the public television movie review program. He is co-founder and president of the Pacific Jewish Center in Venice, Ca.

He said, according to the American Israelite here, that no other business is so firmly associated in the public mind with Jews as the entertainment industry. "As the public becomes increasingly alienated and hostile in their attitude toward Hollywood, they become increasingly hostile toward Jewish people," he said. He advised that Jews should be seen to participate on some level of public discourse in seeking a greater level of accountability and responsibility in

Hollywood.

Pointing to the fact that from 1954 until 1972 there were no Jewish characters at all on tv, he noted that today there are as many as 16 Jewish characters in prominent positions on a number of tv series. He saw this as good and bad and even terrible. He pointed out that while there are assertively Jewish characters, none of those characters are romantically involved with other Jews. "It sends out the message," he said, "that if you are inspired by these Jewish TV characters to be upfront about being Jewish, that there is no inconsistency between that and having a beautiful gentile girlfriend. It's as if God appeared not on Mt. Sinai but on Mt. Hollywood and said, 'Thou shalt not get involved romantically with another Jew in front of a national audience.'"

Medved is described in The Israelite as a baal teshuvah, a Jew embracing as an adult the complete observance of Torah and mitzvot.



BATTLE ZONE PILOT — One of the first two women to qualify as a British army front-line pilot is Rose Ashkenazi, who is pictured at the controls of a Gazelle helicopter. The 25-year-old flier received her wings this month and now is licensed to fly light aircraft into battle zones. Flying was hardly her background. She received a degree in architecture from University College in London in 1989 and two years ago was selected as a candidate for 10 months of intensive training. Now she has been posted to a British Army Air Corps regiment in Germany, and can practice on the Lynx attack helicopter which is armed with anti-tank missiles.

Taiwanese open a textile plant

BEERSHEBA — If you think in terms of how efficient is the textile industry in Japan, Thailand and Korea, then consider this: Taiwanese investors have received authorization to construct a \$4 million plant here, with the production to be exported to the U.S. and Europe. Although manpower will be more costly in Israel, exporting from Israel is less expensive and duties less

prohibitive.

The Israel government is providing a grant normally given to industry.

This marriage is to Golan Heights

JERUSALEM — Lag B'Omer, the traditional day for marriages, has an unusual one this year as 10,000 religious Zionists held a symbolic ceremony on the Golan Heights in which they were "married" to that disputed part of the Holy Land. The demonstrators, who were from the Bnei Akiva movement, yeshivahs and religious kibbutzim visited settlements on the Heights and signed the symbolic marriage contract plus a pact of brotherhood with Golan settlers. The contract read: "We will not accept any unfortunate government decisions liable to lead, out of weakness, to withdrawal and the uprooting of settlements."

2nd \$B. loan to be floated

JERUSALEM — Israel will float the second billion dollar loan in September, buoyed by the success of the first one for the same amount. Both are part of the \$10 billion in loans which have the guarantee of the U.S. Government to back them and thus can be floated at a smaller interest rate than otherwise. Commission paid to the financial houses that floated the first loan was approximately \$45 M.

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Gloomy view for American Jewry: Israel only hope

SEATTLE — Basing his position on the crisis facing Orthodox Jewry in the U.S. because, among other reasons, the high cost of Jewish living, Prof. Samuel Heilman, a social anthropologist at Queens College of the City University of New York, said the future of Jewish history lies not in the U.S. but in Israel.

"If I had to bet my future, I'd rather bet it on Israel than bet it on America," he told the audience at the Althea Stroum Lectureship in Jewish Studies at the University of Washington, according to The Jewish Transcript here.

The lack of involvement in the Jewish community is a major problem, while rising assimilation through intermarriage threatens to dilute the quality of Jewish life, he said. The integration of intermarried couples into the Jewish community also means the integration of

certain elements of non-Jewish culture, he said.

"The dangers are of a transformation of Jewish life into something that is American in a way that includes not only the symbolism of Christianity but essentially dilutes the meaning of Jewish symbols," he added.

As for the high cost of Jewish living he said that Jewish households today have a median income of approximately \$40,000, yet a typical Orthodox family of five requires an annual income of at least \$80,000 in order to be able to afford the costs associated with an active Jewish life. He listed these as day school tuition, synagogue membership dues, contributions to Jewish causes and fees for summer camp.

"From the economic view alone we're looking at a huge crisis for Orthodoxy," he said. He is author of "Cosmopolitans and Parochials:

Modern Orthodox Jews in America," published by University of Chicago Press in 1989.

He pointed out a factor often overlooked but beginning to be understood generally that most successful American Jews prefer to make contributions to secular causes than to Jewish institutions. "A Jew who makes it in America today will give to his university or he'll give to some library or some art museum or to the symphony," he said. "He's not going to give to a synagogue or to a day school."

His view was that the vitality of Jewish life in the U.S. would require taking Jewish education very seriously, learning Hebrew and developing a close relationship with Israel. But he is not especially optimistic that American Jews will follow his advice. Instead he believes that Israel holds the key for the Jewish future.

Sex education not by school, but by family — Jakobovits

LONDON — Former Chief Rabbi Lord Jakobovits, who has criticized anti-AIDS campaigns contending that they encouraged pre-marital sex by advocating the use of condoms rather than promoting chastity before marriage, is supporting a proposal which would allow parents to remove children from AIDS education lessons in schools.

The instruction in schools is compulsory in the curriculum for 11-14 year-olds.

Rabbi Jakobovits is backing a bill now going through Parliament which would permit children to be excused at their parents' request. He told the Jewish Chronicle that he recognized the "urgency of some form of sex education, including attitudes to AIDS and HIV in schools, but such teaching should preferably be given in conformity with the...moral dictates of the pupils' own faith."

Man refusing gett, is told no at bar mitzvah of son

LONDON — A mixed up adultery situation involving a gett, the Jewish divorce, has led to a father being barred from being called up to the reading of the Torah at his son's bar mitzvah. The father has protested to the Chief Rabbi, pointing out that the man who committed adultery with his ex-wife was permitted to be called up to the reading of the Torah.

The couple's marriage was dissolved five years ago, the judge accepting that his wife had committed adultery with another man. She subsequently married him, although that marriage is not recognized by Orthodox authorities and is considered an adulterous relationship.

The father has refused to grant his wife a gett, asserting that it would put a "seal of respectability" on her actions.

The synagogue warden who informed the father of the ban said that "Our stand is that any man who refuses a gett to his wife when required to do so by a properly constituted rabbinic authority will not be called up."

Matzah bakery fire is arson

MOSCOW — Russian Jews were blamed for the country's problems as several marchers chanted slogans accusing President Yeltsin's government of being controlled by "Jews and Americans".

Story of Kaifeng Jews surfaces again

JERUSALEM — "We are part of World Jewry and we consider our ancestral home to be Israel. We had a temple and like the one in Jerusalem, it has been destroyed."

This was the view of Prof. Zhao Xiangru, of the Chinese Academy of Social Science, quoted in an article by Ted Plafker in The Jerusalem Post, along with an accompanying photo.

Plafker repeated the well-known story by now of the chapter in the history of China's Old Silk Road which involves a group of medieval Jewish traders who settled in the Song Dynasty's imperial capital, Kaifeng in the center of China.

He added that the presence of Jews in China is recorded as early as 960 CE when an imperial charter granted Persian and Iraqi Jews the right to bring carpets to trade for silk. The Jews prayed in Hebrew, observed dietary laws, circumcised their newborn boys and built their synagogue facing west — toward Jerusalem.

Zhao is president of the Society for the Study of History and Culture of the Kaifeng Jews, and is spearheading a drive to preserve the few remaining relics of the community and establish contacts with Jews around the world.

Chinese authorities look with disfavor at his efforts.

Plafker added that there are now between 3,000 and 5,000 Chinese who trace their lineage back to Jewish ancestors, not only from Kaifeng, but also from other parts of the country. He does not document his figures but said that many Jews have chosen to register as members of China's officially recognized Moslem minority "because Jews and Moslems have a few customs in common, foremost among them a prohibition against eating pork."



This street in Kaifeng is supposed to lead to the synagogue and is named "The Lane of the Sect Which Plucks Out the Sineuses," which refers to the traditional practice of kashering cows.

The article also quoted a spokesman for the State Nationalities Affairs Commission to the effect that "There is no proof to support the notion of a Jewish national minority. Although some people consider themselves Jewish, our comprehensive investigation found no special characteristics. These people are in every respect Chinese."

A Hillel House no longer kosher

LANSING, Mich. — Stating that it can no longer ensure a level of kashrut which we're comfortable with, Hillel Director Mark Finkelstein has announced that its kitchen will no longer be kosher. It was explained that 10 students live at the Hillel House, only two of whom keep kosher, and all have access to the kitchen.

Events sponsored by the Jewish Students Union will continue to follow the dietary laws.

Rabbi has answer to intermarriage

JERUSALEM — Asserting that there are many Jews who do not realize that there is anything wrong with intermarrying, Rabbi Adam A. Winston has launched a campaign called, "Say No! To Jewish Intermarriage".

The article also stated that the Israeli Embassy in Beijing has received numerous inquiries about moving to Israel, but demands strict documentation. "It's a difficult decision for us to make," the Israeli official is quoted as saying, "but if we give a passport to anyone who tells us they don't eat pork, we will be inundated."

Jason Friedenberg, who lives at the house, was upset. He told the Detroit Jewish News that the students who want to make bacon in the Hillel kitchen are an incredible minority and added that "Even a lot of those who don't keep kosher feel ideologically that the facility should continue to be kosher."

For the Shabbat dinners which attract from 30 to 100 persons, the kitchen will be kashered.

Asked how to deal with couples who are already intermarried, Rabbi Winston referred to the Prophet Ezra who when the Jewish people returned from Babylon called on them to divorce their non-Jewish wives, which they did.

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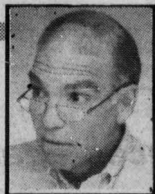
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WHAT I HAVE TO SAY

'I'm no role model'

By JIM SHIPLEY

Charles Barkley is a well-conditioned, superbly motivated basketball player. Sir Charles. The Round Mound of Sound. He is a terror around



the hoop. When he tears through the paint, bodies scatter. He appears in a television commercial wherein he declares: "I am not a role model! I don't get paid to be a role model! Your parents should be role models!" Amen to that.

We are living in a world wherein parents more and more abdicate their basic responsibilities to the schools, the television screen and some dubious wearers of expensive athletic shoes. It is the same world wherein those same parents, along with grandparents and parents to be, have abdicated the leadership of their world to a bunch of self-serving incompetents of every nationality, religious persuasion and kooky philosophy.

In the fifties the politicians sold us the cold war. In the sixties they sold us Viet Nam. Ronald Reagan, who lived his life in a movie, gave us Star Wars. Thirty billion for an idea whose time will never come. And we bought it all. Kept sending the incumbents back while two generations of latch-key kids grew up addicted to television and worsening test scores.

Here in the nineties we are dithering over Bosnia, Croatia, Serbia, et al. Why? These people still live in a Byzantine world where our modern reality is beyond their ken. They were responsible for the death of thousands of innocent Jews, Gypsies and others in WWII. Yes, that's 50 years ago, but they're still fighting wars from a thousand years ago and more. Read Robert Kaplan's "Balkan Ghosts," then decide if you want your son to go to war somewhere east of Belgrade.

The United Nations is hip-deep in Cambodia. They are there to judge an election that includes the Khmer Rouge.

The Khmer Rouge! Weren't they the guys from the "Killing Fields"? Didn't they eliminate a million of their own countrymen? How did they get back again? Why are they protected by our dollars given to the UN for the silliest misnomer of the age: "Peace Keeping."

Wait, there's more. Three hoods from Colombia walk into a New York restaurant and shoot a journalist in cold blood. Our government knows who did it. They can't get near the masterminds. Colombia will not extradite anyone from the drug trade to the U.S. So, why do we do business with Colombia? Why do we allow their plans to land here? This is a war on drugs? Give me a break! We got smart bombs? We know where the heads of the Cali and Medellin drug clans live? C'mon! What war?

Gays in the military? Of course. Always have been. So, Sam Nunn, still so hacked at Governor Bill for not making him defense secretary that he can't see straight (you should pardon the expression), has a solution. "Join—just don't tell us you did." Great leadership. In the forties I guess he would have recommended that blacks headed for service bleach their skin and never show that they have rhythm.

Yes, the world is indeed

looking for role models. And the Best we can come up with is Rush Limbaugh, Current Affair, "The Queer Nation" and Operation Rescue. Pat Robertson is attacking the school boards and getting his people elected! Boy, have we got tsuris!

Sir Charles is right. We have no right to designate him, or Michael Jordan or Magic or even Hillary as a role model. Every parent has to determine the kind of world in which they want their kids to live. To get involved. To get angry. To demand some excellence. From schools, from politicians. But only in the jobs we hired them for. And that means we have to do our own. And face up to what it is going to cost to straighten out the mess that our own neglect has caused.

We need to straighten the house before we can tackle the neighborhood; the neighborhood before we can tackle city; the city before the state, the state before the nation. I am afraid we will run out of time, money and *coach* before we get to the world, but that's O.K. If we do the rest, the world will probably take care of itself as it always has. Thanks Charles. We needed that.

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Who's Abba Eban, asks Mr. Jordan

When Ira Berkow, sports columnist for the New York Times, told Michael Jordan that he had just met a person that didn't know who he was, that made a "neat" story to launch his column for that day. But that person was not an American—actually she was born in Egypt and has lived out her life in Israel—so she had a legitimate excuse. But did Jordan have as legitimate an excuse when he was told that the person was Mrs.

Abba Eban.

As Berkow was in the lobby of the hotel where Jordan was staying in Cleveland, he ran into Mr. and Mrs. Eban and told them why he was there. At that, she asked, "Who's Michael Jordan?"

When Berkow told Jordan that he had just run into someone who didn't know who he was and gave her name as Mrs. Abba Eban, he got even. "Who's Abba Eban?" was his rejoinder.

One in every minyan?

JERUSALEM — An estimated 10 percent of Israelis have a drinking problem, according to Dr. Shoshana Weiss, national secretary of the Society for the Prevention of Alcoholism. She estimated that the number ranged from 30,000 to 50,000.

Weiss said that recent research shows that 40 per-

cent of the country's youth have drunk in pubs at some time in their lives.

She recommended that laws be passed prohibiting pubs near schools and curtailing liquor sales in grocery stores, since 75 percent of hard liquor sales are made in supermarkets.

FLEISHMAN'S FLIGHT

Next move is Palestinians

By ALFRED FLEISHMAN

In one of the *Post & Opinion's* recent editorials a comment was made that Israel should harden its stand with



the Palestinians. That is with regard to the terms of a positive peace including agreements to be discussed and reached.

There is very little question that Rabin has stuck his neck out as far as he can go at this time.

No need to discuss all of the reasons politically, morally or practically. The fact is that he has gone more than half way considering his very close political majority and all of the other problems he has.

No matter what one believes or feels about Madama Aloni, she makes live very difficult for a leader who only has very few votes between his power of leadership and obliteration.

But back to *The Post* editorial. It is right on target in the view of this writer. Israel has gone as far as it can to open the doors of peace.

In a visit to Israel and in discussions with Palestinians it became clear they had no respect or regard whatsoever for the Shamir-Sharon peace negotiations. They questioned the sincerity of Shamir's potential or desire for any kind of peace.

On almost every occasion when Shamir thought it would bring him votes or support from the right wing, he said openly that he had no intention whatsoever to allow any consideration, under any circumstances, for even one inch of soil to be exchanged in any way in return for peace.

The Palestinians never trusted him for one moment. And what I saw myself of what Sharon was doing and had done on the West Bank without any public notice, it was easy to see why the Bush-Baker duo wouldn't go for the loan guarantees at the time.

On our last visit to Israel we heard somewhat the opposite from Palestinian editors.

While they didn't agree or feel that there was any real headway (from their point of view) being made in the peace talks, they did agree that the Rabin government was at least much more serious in its efforts to reach some sort of peace agreement.

I also recall how the Likud appointed consul generals for this area (they were located in Chicago, but St. Louis was in their territory) would talk when they came to St. Louis.

They would read us the so-called "Shamir peace plans." They would try to sell them to local organizations and newspapers.

Looking back on them now objectively we can see that they had no chance of any agreement.

Rabin has come a long way. He has the confidence of the government of the United States and they have released the billions in loan guarantees to his government as a result.

The time has come, I would suggest, that it is now Israel's turn to make positive declarations. Such as those called for in *The P-O* editorial.

Something that resembles: "Look, this is as far as we are going to go now. If you, the Palestinians, really want peace then you need to know that this is it!"

"Unless we get some further positive declarations from you that you will seriously come to the table, cease your open hostility, declare yourselves not only seriously in favor of peace, but also denouncing and ceasing to give support to kids throwing rocks and molotov cocktails, shooting Israel soldiers and citizens, and cease support of all forms of terrorism... at the very least!"

What Israel would or should say further about such items as cessation of the boycott etc., is something Israel negotiators must decide.

The point is that Israel should say as positively and as starkly as it can...

"It is you (Palestinians) who must decide. We are not going to engage any longer in the idle talk or run-around you are trying to give us."

"If you really want peace, here is your chance. If you do not cease your double talk then we shall take all necessary action."

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YOUR NAME

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Tracing victims of the Holocaust

A few months before its death, the Soviet Union opened its World War II archives to the International Committee of the Red Cross by permitting it to microfilm records recovered during the liberation of Nazi concentration camps. These records include the names of 400,000 people who were interned in concentration camps, were forced laborers in various German firms, or who died in Auschwitz. In anticipation of the many requests for information the Red Cross expects to receive from survivors, relatives of victims, friends of victims, and others, the Holocaust and War Victims Tracing and Information Center was established at the national headquarters of the American Red Cross (Baltimore, MD).

The Center works closely with the Red Cross' International Tracing Service (in Germany), where records on civilian victims of the Third Reich are stored. If documentation is available, the Tracing Service issues certificates of internment and certificates of death. The information provided in these certificates is important because it enables people to observe religious or other traditions on the anniversary of a family member or friend's death or because it may constitute the proof needed to obtain reparations or pensions. The Holocaust and War Victims Tracing and Information Center helps people obtain these certificates and keeps them informed about the progress of the search.

Despite the many years that have passed, people continue to search for loved ones from whom they were separated during World War II. The Holocaust and War Victims Tracing and Information Center coordinates the tracing efforts of American Red Cross chapters, other national societies, and the International Committee of the Red Cross. It is hoped that families will be reunited as a result of these efforts.

The Holocaust and War Victims Tracing and Information Center maintains close relations with other programs serving civilian victims of the Third Reich. It can supply information about these programs and refer people to them.

If you are interested in availing yourself of these services, turn to your local Red Cross chapter to request tracing forms (Form 1609). Your local chapter will forward all completed forms to the center in Baltimore. More information on how to proceed is available at this telephone number: 1-800-848-9277.

Next week: woodpeckers.

Rabin's control is still shaky

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Rabin's ability to control the government was still in doubt this week as two contending parties, one liberal and the other most traditional continued their feud. When Shulamit Aloni of the Meretz Party, which accounts for six Knesset seats, was shown in a picture sitting at a table full of forbidden bread during Passover, Shas, the fundamentalist Party, threatened to pull out of the government, thus depriving Rabin of the margin of seats in the 120-seat Knesset that enables him to maintain control.

ROAMING IN LITERATURE

And there was morning

By ELY E. PILCHIK

Even as our people in Spanish-speaking lands developed the lingua franca Ladino, the ordinary conversational tongue, a kind of



mixture of Spanish and Hebrew, so our folks who found themselves in German-speaking lands developed the lingua franca Yiddish, a kind of mixture of German and Hebrew. Those further East in Europe threw into the Yiddish tepel a hand-full of Russian vocabulary.

There is nothing new about this pluralistic cultural phenomenon in Jewish history. The pure Hebrew of the Torah, the Prophets, and the Writings of our Scriptures (with the exception of several chapters in the Books of Ezra, Daniel (and some stray passages in several of the other books) was declared "Lashon Kodesh," the holy tongue, and the lingua franca became Aramaic as early as the 6th century B.C.E.

Aramaic, like Hebrew, derives from the Semitic family of languages; in this instance from the Northwest Semitic. The Aramean nomads who wandered the desert about the time the Children of Israel were getting settled in their promised land (1200-1000 B.C.E.) finally abandoned the sun and the camels and settled in what is now Syria. They spread their Aramean tongue far and wide until it became the lingua franca in all Mesopotamia and beyond. When Nebuchadnezzar vanquished Judea and destroyed the Salomonic Temple in 587-86 B.C.E. and caused the first dispersion of the Children of Israel to Babylonia, they began to speak, and yes, to write in Aramaic. When the Persians replaced the Babylonians as the super-nation of the Middle East they, under King Cyrus, made Aramaic one of the several official languages of the Empire.

Aramaic became for our people what Greek became after Alexander the Great,

Latin after the Exile of 70, Arabic after the Muslim conquests, Ladino after the ascendancy of Spain, Yiddish after the Spanish and Portuguese Inquisitions and Expulsions, and *taki* English today. Jews, by categorical historic necessity are at least bi-lingual.

So what happens after the miraculous return to Israel? Some of the historical threads hang on. Today in Israel almost every language on earth is spoken by our people (excepting Chinese, Japanese, Maori, etc.) But Yiddish, German, Spanish, French, English, Russian, Polish, and Arabic flourish.

To my astonishment even the old ancient Aramaic is heard. Not because of the *Targumim*, the translations of our Scriptures into Aramaic during the early centuries of our era. Nor because the *Talmudim*, both the Palestinian and the Babylonian, are heavily Aramaic. Simply because certain phrases in Aramaic are cherished by our people. Let me cite one example. Some years ago, it seems like almost a century, I spent a summer studying at the Hebrew University. Studying modern Hebrew so that I should be able to read the daily newspapers in the land. I would rise early and take the bus, I forget what number, and would greet folks on bus and street as behooves a good Jew (Shammai taught us in Pirke Abot I, is "To receive every human being with a cheerful face"). I would nod sweetly to everyone and say, "Boker Tov!" that is, "Good Morning!" And almost everyone would respond, "Boker Or!" that is "A morning of light." This is very nice, indeed, however obvious during the Jerusalem summer.

A few, however, responded, *Tzafra tova*, which is "Good morning" in Aramaic. This, at first, gave me pause. The *tova* I caught. Aramaic frequently suffixes a vowel to the simple Hebrew. But *tzafra* proved interesting. After mulling it over I concluded that the word is beyond doubt related to the Hebrew *tzipor*, bird. There must be a connection between "morning" and "bird" the old Semites had detected and used as synonyms.

So I began searching amidst old prose and the poets. William Wordsworth in his first verse "To A Skylark" (1805) sings:

"Joyous as morning
Thou art laughing and
scorning."

Emily Dickinson in 1859 penned:

"Will there really be a
'morning?'"

Is There such a thing as
'Day?'"

Could I see it from the
mountains

If I were tall as they?
Has it feet like Water Lilies?

Has it feathers like a Bird?"
Four years later this remarkable literary nightingale (who eschewed titling her poems) added:

"The Birds begun at Four
o'clock-

Their period for Dawn-
A music numerous as
space-

But neighboring as noon-"
The somewhat lesser
quoted American, Sidney
Lanier, endowed us in 1877
with "The Mocking Bird-"

"Superb and sole, upon a
plum'd spray

That o'er the general leafage
boldly grew,

He summ'd the woods in
song; or typic drew

The watch of hungry
hawks, the lone dismay

Of Languid doves when
long their lovers stray,

And all birds' passion-
plays that sprinkle dew

At morn in brake or bosky
avenue."

Ah, but it is to Israel's first poet-laureate, Hayim Nahman Bialik, that the prize must go for synchronizing bird and morning. In the year 19001 at the age of 28, he published the brilliant lyric "Tzafiririm," — "Morning Spirits," in Psalmist-quality Hebrew. Here is a taste of it as translated by Ben Aronim:

"Was it my mother's kiss,
was it the swallow

With its 'twit-twitter,'
broke off my dream?

Lo, I awoke and seemed
crowned with a halo

Legions of rays smote my
eyes with their gleam.

Still on my eyelids the
dream-web was clinging,

Still lingered its cherubs
and would not retreat.

Already the glory of morn-

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'Northern Exposure' this season — part 2

By **RABBI ELLIOT B. GERTEL**

In my last column, I noted that on the now famous (or, better, infamous, or at least much talked about) episode of *Northern Exposure* in which



Joel wanted to assemble a shiva minyan to say kaddish for his uncle, the writers deliberately and knowingly removed Jews from Judaism. How? They had Joel conclude that he didn't need a minyan of Jews with whom he had nothing in common and whom the town mogul was bribing into coming; that he could recite kaddish with yarmulke and tallis before the townspeople and that would be fine.

How did *Northern Exposure* come to this? How could we have foreseen the culmination of its "Jewish" asides and pratings? How could we not have foreseen it? All the elements that made this episode a disaster, Jewishly speaking, have been visible all along in this season as in previous seasons.

First, there is the inadequate information and outright misinformation about Judaism, especially in the kaddish episode. Joel says that kaddish "is a Jewish prayer for the dead" and that the purpose of saying kaddish "is to be with your community." Yet the kaddish prayer does not mention death. It affirms God as our Source of strength and comfort no matter what we must face in life. It affirms our expectation that we might experience the establishment of God's Kingdom on earth, and is a statement of our hope that God's kingdom will be established. It reminds us that we can lay the foundations for that Kingdom, and understand in our hearts that God does indeed reign, when we can affirm God in the midst of our pain and suffering and loss.

And the kaddish prayer is very much tied to the minyan, to a community of Jews at prayer. It was originally recited in praise of God for the

gift of Torah after a minyan of Jews had studied God's sacred Teaching to the People Israel and through them to the world. It is the Doxology (the Prayer in Praise of God, par excellence) of the Jewish community; it marks the beginning and end of every important part of the service, three times a day.

For the kaddish prayer to have any meaning, you need Jews who worship God and study His Torah and gather together as a community to do these things. The only way for kaddish to have any meaning in the event of a death is if there is a Jewish community worshipping God together. Kaddish is recited several times during an average Jew-

landlord, Maggie, bribes him into accompanying her home to her WASP neighborhood in suburban Detroit for her grandmother's birthday. After Joel admires the posh neighborhood in which she grew up, duly noting the absence of Greenberg's on a street where "these people are clearly comfortable being in the upper tenth of a per cent," Joel is introduced to the family minister, but not before Maggie shares her childhood memory of a possible Jewish friend: "Debbie Ellis. She was Jewish. I'm sure of it. Her father or somebody. Besides, she was smart, smart and funny."

The first question with which the young minister

could have said: "But I have an Uncle Manny who is very religious and to him the afterlife is very real."

While it is true that the episode intended to show that the young minister was not suited for his job, it also showed that the writers and the Joel-character were not suited for coming up with anything better, when referring to Jews and Judaism, than Maggie's grandmother's words to Joel: "I never met a Jewish person before. The only Jewish people I've ever seen are in TV comedies — Seinfeld, the little know-it-all on *Murphy Brown* and those nice people on *Brooklyn Bridge*." Could the writers be mocking their own ilk of Jewish image-makers on TV?

Neither Joel or anyone else is ever made a purveyor of authentic Jewish perspectives and values and practices even when the direct opportunity is given. Nowhere do we ever learn any unique Jewish approaches to life and death, to creation and redemption, or to anything in between. Thus, on one episode where local D.J./philosopher Chris receives the dead body of a good buddy and is trying to find the most appropriate way to dispatch it, there is little authentic Jewish feedback on *kavod ha-met* (honoring the dead). Chris actually eats dinner in front of the dead body early in the episode, talks to it, keeps it around as a conversation piece.

I was thinking that it would be nice if Chris spoke to Joel about Jewish burial customs and learned that eating in front of a body, keeping it on display, stalling immediate and dignified burial, is regarded as mockery of the dead. Chris did, by the way, get around to asking Joel about "Hebrew burial." But the best Joel can come up with is that in Judaism "basic burial is your primary choice, within two days." When Chris replies that "eternal rest is not something you rush into," Joel observes that in the eyes of the Attorney General's office it is.

Not only does Joel not offer authentic Jewish response or insight, not only do the writers refuse to research Jewish traditions and offer at least some authentic Jewish voice, but Joel obviously has no spiri-

tual resources to fall back on. When patients stop coming for a while, Joel nearly goes out of his mind imagining boycott and all sorts of things. Marilyn tells him that he has to accept that no one is sick, that he has to learn to sit still and to do nothing and to realize that "life doesn't have any meaning." Wouldn't it be nice if Joel recalled or was told (even by some Jewish ancestor in a dream) that to Jews there is always a mitzvah that can be done, especially study of Torah.

The writers consistently depict Joel as lacking insight into relationships around him, as being intolerant and even contemptuous of the townspeople, calling them "pea-brains, simpletons, dullards" who "think their names can just as well be stencilled on that window as mine." A Jewish story is never told about chesed (kindness), regard for the simple person, *kavod habriot* (respect for human beings). The implication of the Thanksgiving episode was that Chris feels more of an appreciation of and understanding for his former prison buddies than Joel has for his friends in Alaska. (I should point out that that episode came dangerously close to glorifying prison life!) Not until the kaddish episode does Joel accept the townspeople as his community, and only by displacing his fellow Jews from a "Jewish" service! When Joel broke up with his Jewish fiancée, it was because they were too much alike, too incestuous. Now he says that he has nothing in common with Jews. Which is it?

One wonders why the writers of *Northern Exposure* even bother having Joel make speeches defending parallels between the Jewish experience and that of the Native Americans: "I'm not white. I may look white, but I am now. I am Jewish... A fellow person of color, a victim of oppression." But the writers ultimately refuse to allow Jews and Judaism the mystique and the convictions they attribute to the Native Americans — and even to the Germans. Yes, the Germans! In one episode a young German clockmaker, who looks like a Skinhead, is definitely intended to be some

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ish service, but only once or twice by mourners. It is mostly recited by the congregation for purposes of worship. It is not therapy. It is not ethnic reinforcement. It is not group bonding. It is prayer.

Joel and his writers have to realize that, as the medieval Jewish mystics put it, the dynamic of Judaism is the individual's spiritual rootedness in Torah and the Jewish People in order to be an authentic part of the Covenant that God made with our people.

If the writers had been examining Native American beliefs, legends and practices, they would have gotten it right regarding kaddish and other matters of Jewish belief and observance. They would not have had Joel identifying latke-eating with Passover, as they did on one episode. They would have had Joel or some other character able to respond when inaccurate or misleading notions about Judaism are presented.

Consider the episode in which the local pilot and Joel's

greets Joel is a telling one: "Doesn't it gnaw at you that there's no afterlife (in Judaism), only (an) ethical system of law? How can you live with that? How can you stand it?" It's a telling question because critics have rightfully accused *Northern Exposure* of being overpreoccupied with death. It is telling, too, because it is a classic query that is made of Judaism, and an unjust one, when you consider that Judaism gave the concept of an afterlife to Christianity.

Joel responds that he speaks only for himself, that he does not regard himself as a spokesman for "the entire Jewish faith." ("When do ten Jews agree on anything," he reflects, "except maybe Israel?"), and that "the idea that when we die we are nothing more than worry... um, I just don't think about it.

It's an honest answer and a fair one. But it does seem that somewhere the idea should come across that Judaism has held a belief in the afterlife to be important. Maybe in this episode, back in the fall, Joel

Tale of Jews of a small U.S. city

Judaism in the Heartland: The Jewish community of Marietta, Ohio (1895-1940)

By AMY HILL SIEWERS

Marietta, Ohio, is a city of about 17,000 that sits in a quiet valley at the confluence of the Ohio and Muskingum Rivers in the southeast corner of the state. Marietta is an old town, established in 1788. It was the first permanent settlement in the old Northwest Territory. There are a few industrial installations around the city, though the surrounding area is predominantly rural. Marietta College, a small liberal arts school, has been in existence as a college since 1835. The predominant religious institutions in Marietta are mainline Protestant; they reflect the New England Congregationalism of the original settlers and the later influence of mid-nineteenth century German settlers who espoused Lutheranism and Methodism. Marietta also has 15 Jews.

With this fact so baldly stated, one might wonder if an investigation of the Marietta Jewish community is not, *prima facie*, a less than compelling task. But if the dearth of Jewish activity is one of the remarkable features of Marietta's present sociological portrait, one can find in various places in the city tantalizing clues that lead one to suspect that perhaps there are Jewish details to the historical portrait that have not yet been uncovered. One of these clues was the starting point of my investigation: the existence of two Jewish cemeteries, their graves bearing family names no longer known in Marietta. These clues led to the discovery that the story of the Jewish experience in Marietta is an excellent illustration of the history of the city at large.

Although the main body of my findings deals with the period from 1895 to 1940, one must actually look to the decade preceding this period in order to set the stage for the story of Marietta Jewry. Marietta in 1880 was the quintessential Victorian small town: quaint, quiet, and contented, with its own amusements for its population of 5,500. Most of the townsfolk were American-born of Anglo-Saxon descent, and cultural modes and mores were well-established.

But even the provinces were affected by the tremendous energies at work in American society at the turn of the century. Marietta's population statistics provide startling evidence. From 1880 to 1890, the population rose from 5,500 to over 8,000, and by the year 1900, to over 13,000. At the start of the new century, Marietta's population was two and a half times its size of 20 years previous. By 1920, the population reached more than 15,000 a near tripling of population in 40 years. Clearly these were pivotal years in the city's history.

These were also, of course, pivotal years in the history of American Jewry. Between 1880 and 1910, close to 2 million Jews, mostly from Eastern Europe, immigrated to the United States to escape a hopeless way of life and with the dream of finally obtaining a decent standard of existence in a rapidly expanding society. Immigrants flowed to wherever they saw the possibility of reward for those who would work hard.

In Marietta, oil lured them. Preliminary oil discoveries had first been made in Washington County as early as 1860. Large-scale exploitation of these deposits began in earnest in the 1890's and the ensuing economic flurry created a boom town. I have not yet uncovered any evidence of Jewish residents in Marietta before 1890, though some Jewish peddlers may have lingered awhile. In the city directories of the early 1890's, only a few Jewish families appear. By 1896, there are half a dozen Jewish families, and by 1902, more than a dozen. In 1910, the community was well-established, with more than 20 families.

The earliest Jewish residents of Marietta were not directly involved with oil business, but rather provided support services in the city. Morris Luchs ran a wholesale liquor store; Sam Sulzhacher was a tailor. Morris Miller arrived in Marietta in 1891 and became a junk buyer. In the mid-1890's, other businessmen began to arrive. Samuel Wallach owned several businesses, including a furniture store. Peter Unger and Isaac Smith were junk buyers. About 1896, a young Cincinnati named Joseph Josephy opened a large clothing store, The Buckeye, under the auspices of an uncle's company. He later became the owner as well as the operator of this popular establishment.

Most of these early Jewish residents were not recent immigrants. Josephy, for example, had been born in Indiana. His parents were German Jews. Peter Unger, Samuel and Adella Wallach, and Mrs. Isaac Smith were Austrian-born. Only

Isaac Smith and Morris Miller were of Russian Jewish origin. The Wallachs, Smiths, and Ungers had all lived for a number of years in the central Ohio town of Zanesville before moving to Marietta.

By contrast, the families that swelled the ranks of the Marietta Jewish community in the beginning of the new century were all Eastern European. Like many other immigrants, they arrived in large family groups that formed a substantial core for the budding Jewish community. These family groups centered around the Brachman family, two branches of the Beren family, and two branches of the Rabinowitz family. All of these families were related to each other, as were several other families of various names. The only notable exception to this Eastern European trend was Jacob Katzenstein, a native Cincinnati of German origin, who, like Joseph Josephy, moved to Marietta to operate a clothing store, a popular and "tony" establishment known modestly as The Leader.

From the old Russian names of birthplaces on Marietta wedding certificates, one can trace whence most of Marietta Jewish families originated: central Latvia, along the Dvina River. Evidently certain members of the families served as "advance parties" in immigration. The Elias Beren family preceded the Wolfe Beren family. Isaac Hertz Rabinowitz and her nephews, Max and Isaac, arrived, probably separately, in the U.S. before the rest of the family. These immigrants proceeded straight to Marietta and at once became involved in aspects of the oil industry. Starting junk and scrap metal businesses, the enterprising arrivals would scour the oil fields for metal, rope, and other abandoned materials, which they would collect and resell. The place of oil production meant that this chore was, if difficult, fairly profitable. The threat of potential confusion with another business with a similar name seems to have meant enough to Isaac Hertz Rabinowitz that he forced his nephews Max and Isaac and their branch of the family (under Isaac Hertz' brother Sussman) to change their name from Rabinowitz to Ruby before they arrived in Marietta to set up in business. Sussman Ruby was an accomplished scholar, having studied at a prestigious Hasidic yeshiva, and had worked in an import-export firm in Latvia. He and his family arrived in Marietta about 1907 and entered the oil business.

By 1910, with 20 Jewish families residing in Marietta, a Jewish neighborhood and communal institutions had taken shape. Most of the families lived around Hart and South Fourth Streets, near the Ohio River, often next door to or on the same lots with their businesses. It was near the corner of Hart and Fifth that the community established its first synagogue. In May 1903, Isaac Ruby bought a house at 504 Hart Street; he sold it later that month to the newly organized congregation B'nai Israel. City directories begin in 1905 to list official rabbis for B'nai Israel. Jacob Perlman in 1905, Samuel Mandel in 1907-08, Isaac Aaron (designated "Pastor, Jewish Church" in one directory) from about 1910 to 1915, and from about 1918 or 1919, Aaron Axelrod. There were perhaps also unofficial rabbis in Marietta earlier. Abraham Shinedling, in his history of West Virginia Jewry, reports that the *American Jewish Yearbook* for 1903-04 lists one E.M. Mosinter as having served as rabbi at Pocahontas, W. Va., and Marietta, Ohio.

In accordance with tradition, the congregation soon set up another communal institution, a burial society, and established cemeteries. Jews had been buried in a separate section of the city cemetery as early as 1895. Another cemetery was established on a tract of land just outside the city, which was purchased initially by David Rabinowitz in January 1902 and soon resold to B'nai Israel.

Arrangements were also made for kosher facilities with a local butcher, Rowland and Smith. A visiting shochet would provide the necessary slaughtering services on a regular basis. The "visiting shochet" was Rabbi Fruchter, who got his first job in Zanesville, Ohio, and was hired by my sister-in-law's grandfather.

With a large young population, weddings were a strong point of Marietta Jewish life during the first decades of the century. Peter Unger's three daughters were married, one to a clerk from Pittsburgh, one to a local oil well supplies dealer, and one to a tailor from Buckhannon, W. Va. There were marriages among local residents: Isaac Hertz Rabinowitz' son married a Marietta girl; Louis Ginsburg married Dora Brachman, and Ella Beren married Elias Brachman, for

example. Numerous others, however, were married to Jews from other cities. The wedding of Louis Goldish to Sadie Lebow of Bellaire, Ohio, in November 1917, was a major event of that year. The *Marietta Register-Leader* described in elaborate detail the ceremony, the sit-down dinner of 300, and the dance; all held at the city armory. This event reportedly cost more than \$1,000, a handsome sum for those days!

Another keynote social event, one about which former residents still speak with pride, was the 1909 wedding of Isaac Hertz Rabinowitz' daughter Sarah to Bernard Revel, a Talmudic scholar who later founded Yeshiva University. Writes Revel's biographer, with accuracy, "The worldly Jewish residents of the thriving Marietta community were enchanted by him." The marriage had been arranged by one of Revel's mentors, a Pittsburgh rabbi who was a friend of the Rabinowitzes.

As there were weddings, there were, of course, also funerals. The graves of three Wallach children and of Ginsburg and Cohen infants attest to the precariousness of childhood in this period. One of Elias Beren's sons committed suicide at age 19, several years after doctors removed a portion of his brain following a head injury. Poor Morris Miller died a tragic death in 1907 after being struck by a train while driving his junk cart out to the oil fields. The obituary in the *Marietta Times* is quaintly phrased: "This was one of the first burials to be made in the city with the full Israelitic ceremony and was attended by most of the members of his race here." The paper also described the details of Jewish burial traditions, for the curious. Miller was evidently well-known in town as, to quote the paper again, "the aged Jew."

The Hart Street neighborhood was a vital neighborhood at the time but it had a major drawback. Located on a flood plain, it was the first area of town to be inundated when the river rose. It was also downtown, near the commercial section, and moves "uptown" were motivated by social as well as practical factors. Even in the early 1910's, one can see in these moves the seeds of trends that would eventually help break down the Marietta Jewish community. Many of the families who had started in the oil business in Marietta continued to follow the westward development of the industry, obtaining large holdings in Oklahoma and Texas. Members of the Rabinowitz family settled early in the century in Oklahoma (where they changed their name to Travis, an Anglicization of the French *Treyfous* or *Dreyfus*, a family name deriving from the Middle Ages). By the time of Sarah's marriage to Bernard Revel, the Rabinowitz-Travises were wealthy enough to provide substantial support of the young couple and of Revel's projects. He in turn worked as a consultant for the business. By 1915, this entire family had moved to Oklahoma, where they became extremely wealthy.

Within Marietta, the Jewish families began to fan out to other parts of the city, though some continued to live near their businesses in the old neighborhood. With the exploitation of oil resources, the community was prospering, and in 1921, the synagogue on Hart Street was replaced by a newer, larger synagogue in a renovated home in an "uptown" neighborhood. Communal life continued actively. For the High Holidays, the Elks or Eagles Hall would be rented to provide for the many out-of-town Jews who came to the Orthodox services. Jewish education was provided by the rabbi, by members of the community, or by private teachers.

It is an interesting phenomenon that even in its moves uptown the community continued to be predominantly Orthodox. One former resident attributes this—and it is an intriguing insight—to the general air of "church-going respectability" in Marietta. Of course, complete Orthodox observance was not the rule. Many families were more "relaxed." Some, for instance, would keep kosher homes, but transact business on sabbath.

Only a few families were non-observant and/or associated with Reform Judaism. The Katzensteins were of Reform background, as were the Josephys. Both families had predominantly Gentile friends. The Josephys even participated in the activities of local churches, for instance, the Unitarian, although they attended the Parkersburg, W. Va., Reform congregation's services on the Jewish holidays.

There seems to be evidence of only one intermarriage in the Marietta community and in that case it is difficult to tell the extent to which the family may already have been assimilated.

Like most Jewish communities, the Marietta community took great pride in scholarly accomplishments. Sussman Ruby and Solomon Muskat, an optician, were both revered by Jews and Gentiles for their Talmudic knowledge and their piety. Academic accomplishments were extremely important to the Jewish children who attended the city schools in the 1910's and 1920's. They often graduated with high rank and with important roles in extracurricular activities, even though many of them may have come from families in which, especially in the early immigrant days, English was not spoken at home. One area in which Jewish students attained particular prominence was the Debate Club.

The older Josephy daughter also made a terrific impression in Marietta when, in 1929, she published, in collaboration with Mary Margaret McBride (later to become a well-known radio personality) a travel book entitled *Paris is a Woman's Town*. After graduating from Smith College in 1921, Helen had worked briefly on the *Marietta Times*, then had lived in Paris while working for *Vogue*. The bookstores in Marietta filled their windows with copies of the book and Helen was invited to speak at numerous gatherings. The *Times* modestly carried the

story of the publication on page five of its June 6, 1929 edition, but could not help two days later printing a laudatory editorial about its former employee, proclaiming, "Anything Miss Josephy writes should be well worth reading..." The book was, in fact, a best seller.

By the mid-1920's, the Marietta Jewish community had reached its peak population of some 30 or 35 families, which totaled about 135 people. The community had been growing for 30 years and its communal life was good enough to attract other Jewish families to the city. Yet at this same time, the community began to feel the subtle impact of forces which, quietly set in motion 20 years earlier, were eventually to stifle Jewish life in Marietta.

The social turbulence associated with the unprecedented growth of the turn of the century had caused a profound reaction among Marietta's older families of Anglo-Saxon heritage. As Paula Roush Riggs, a historian of Marietta, has demonstrated, the Marietta establishment simply decided that this turbulence was too high a price to pay for economic progress. Thus, a very definite decision was made to retain the former life-style, to remain a small town. Writes Riggs, "After a brief period near the turn of the century when Marietta seemed to be trying to free itself from its rural heritage, it seemed to revert to strengthening its rural ties." Economic incentives for new business and industry were discouraged, and opportunities that had once seemed limitless were now being constricted.

Or course, the impact on the Jewish community was not felt at once. Through the 1910's and 1920's, the pace of population growth in Marietta gradually slowed to less than 1 percent per year. The stellar young Jewish students at Marietta High School, even if they studied for a while at Marietta College, found more fertile academic and career fields elsewhere, often at such outstanding schools as Harvard.

All this does not, it seems, indicate that there was a basic incompatibility between the Jewish and Gentile communities rooted in Gentile anti-Semitism. In her study, Riggs found ample evidence of the disparaging attitudes of the families of northern European background to those recent arrivals from southern and eastern European countries; however, she found no such statements regarding Jews as Jews specifically.

Perhaps there is some insight to be gained from the material in a *Register-Leader* article of October 18, 1918, headlined "Russian Jew is Held as Vagrant." A certain Jacob Trotsky ("namesake," the paper notes coyly, "of the notorious Bolshevik leader") was arrested for vagrancy and taken before Mayor Crawford in police court. The mayor, shocked to encounter a Jewish "bum," was prompted to remark that the poor man "apparently had none of the characteristic ambition of his race." "You're not a full-blooded Jew?" the mayor asked Trotsky, who declared that he was. "Then you have lost the birthright of your fathers," asserted the mayor.

On the one hand, Mayor Crawford's peremptory removal of this unfortunate from the Abrahamic covenant bespeaks a high admiration for Jewish successes. yet the remarks seem to conceal a double-edged sword. The dark side of Gentile admiration of Jewish successes is, of course, the suspicion that they were achieved through unscrupulous behavior.

It is perhaps aspects of this dark side that asserted themselves in an incident in 1928 which did reveal blatant anti-Semitic forces at work. With Joseph Josephy's business success and high level of civic and social involvement, it seemed only natural to several of his friends to nominate him for membership in the Marietta Rotary Club. Josephy's nomination caused a fracas in the club that all but resulted in a major schism. So many of the members threatened to resign if a Jew were elected, that the nomination had to be withdrawn. Many of the members who threatened resignation were prominent Methodist churchgoers and, perhaps not so coincidentally, business rivals of Josephy.

Another development was the appearance of a local branch of the Ku Klux Klan in Marietta in the mid-1920's. On a Saturday night in February 1923, there was a cross-burning on Harmar Hill, which was taken as the first demonstration of the recently organized group. The *Register-Leader* noted that local rumor placed Klan membership then at about 200. The night following the cross-burning, members of the Klan appeared in full costume at the Methodist Church as evening services began. With a flourish, the Klansmen handed the visiting evangelist an envelope containing a cash contribution and a letter praising his work. The *Marietta Times* reported that the minister "said that he knew not the purpose of the visit, yet he presumed it was for good, as he had similar experiences with the Klan in other places, and for a few minutes he addressed the Klansmen and the audience on the meaning of real Americanism." Any reaction in the Methodist congregation against the evangelist with Klan ties was not recorded in the papers. The *Times* editorial concerning the church incident is oddly silent on the issue of Klan bigotry, stating only, "There is no real work for such an organization to do here. There is no difficulty in securing convictions in our courts when evidence of misdoing is obtainable."

The Klan continued its activity in the Marietta area throughout the 1920's and made the news again in April 1925 with another cross-burning. If the estimates are of any value, the Klan would appear to have grown in numbers, for both the *Times* and the *Register-Leader* reported attendance of over 300 men and women "in regalia."

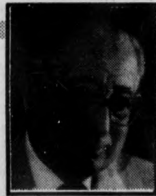
A former Jewish resident of Marietta reports that a Gentile friend, a newspaper

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Jewish periodicals noted

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

Crisis or no crisis, political campaigns or no campaigns, academic productivity goes on Israel. An example of that is cited by the



Forward's literary critic, Joseph Friedlander. He describes a remarkable literary cornucopia produced by Shalom Rosenfeld and Mordecai Naor, editors of the magazine, *Kesher* (Bridge), which emanates from Tel Aviv University. It depicts 42 newspapers with Jewish content which have appeared over the last 300 years. Short histories of the papers are accompanied by reproductions of some of their front pages and sometimes their initial issues. Before World War II most of them were in Yiddish; after World War II, Hebrew periodicals are more numerous. Languages represented are in addition to Hebrew and Yiddish, English, Dutch, Ladino, Turkish, French, Amaharic, Arabic, Russian, etc. In Israel alone there are some 900 periodicals, three of them now in Russian.

The oldest paper seems to be *Gazette de Amsterdam*, 1675. Some are in Hebrew letters and some are not. Some particulars are relayed about the *London Jewish Chronicle* which last year marked its 150th birthday. It is said that no vital statistic in the life of any English Jew has ever escaped a mention in the *Chronicle*. One of their liveliest editors was Leopold Greenberg, who supported Herzl and Zionism in the face of the fear of some English-Jewish notables that Herzl's notions would actuate Englishmen to tell the Jews to go to their own country. Once a Rothschild took issue with something Greenberg wrote, whereupon the editor replied, "I cannot take back what I wrote, but I'll be happy to refund to you the two cents you paid for the paper."

The history appeared as a supplement to the November 1991 issue of *Kesher*. It is misnamed, Friedlander writes, "An Atlas of the

Jewish Press."

Kosher for Pesach

As though there wasn't enough matters to argue about, we have a difference of opinion between two Orthodox authorities as to whether the water of Lake Galilee is kosher for Pesach. It is the contention of Rabbi Moshe Aryeh Freund, of Jerusalem that whereas fishermen often use bread for bait in the water that means the lake water is chametzdig. On the other hand, the former chief Sephardic rabbi of Israel, Rabbi Obadiah Joseph has ruled that the bread is so completely diluted that Galilee water is ok for the holiday. (Front page story in the *Algemeiner Journal*)

"Dividends"

Readers of the *Forward* are urged to see a play called *Dividends*, which is offered in Stony Point, New York by a theater called Penguin. The director and producer, Joe Brancata, is not Jewish but he has a feel for Judaism and has done other plays with Jewish content. In *Dividends*, the protagonist is an 83-year old man who is so ill that he is regarded as terminal. His wife looks after him and eventually notifies a grandson about her husband's plight. The grandson, an artist who has lost some of his idealism, urges the octogenarian to talk about his childhood.

It turns out that the older is still grieving over the fact that his parents were so poor that they couldn't afford to give him a Bar Mitzvah. So the grandson persuades the man to do some studying and, sure enough, the Bar Mitzvah takes place. The incentive gave the oldster new energy, and it also animated the grandson. The writer, Miriam Shmulevitch-Hoffman, asserts that, though the play is termed a comedy, it had her shedding many a tear.

What a peace!

Yitzhak Rabin has visited Egypt twice as prime minister, but Egypt's Hosni Mubarak hasn't come to Israel. The last time Rabin

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We are capable Sedra Naso

By RABBI REUVEN BULKA

The law of the sotah, the woman suspected of adultery, is followed by the law of the nazirite. This proximity raises the question — what is the



connection between the two? The Talmud states that it is to teach that whoever sees the sotah in her indignity should resolve to abstain from wine (sotah, 2a). This is a reference to the fact that the nazirite is forbidden to drink wine during the term of naziritism (Bemidbar, 6:3).

What is the simple meaning of this Talmudic comment? It is also difficult to understand why the Talmud would recommend abstaining from wine, considering that according to one view, the Nazirite is considered a sinner precisely because he afflicted himself by abstaining from wine (Talmud, Nedarim 10a, to Bemidbar, 6:11).

For every woman who is accused of adultery, there is a man out there who is an equally guilty party. Although the guilty male is not directly involved in the sotah process, since the process is directed primarily towards reconciliation of the accused wife with her husband, nevertheless it should not be assumed that such individual is without serious guilt. There is a danger that when becoming aware of the sotah situation, the male population may be biased about the whole affair. They may look upon it as reflecting merely on the vulnerability of women. After all, they may say, men would never do a thing like that. But the fact is that there were men who did precisely that. Otherwise, the sotah would never be in the position that she now faced.

It is dangerous when people who see wrongdoing cavalierly dismiss the possibility that they could do such wrong. It is much more preferable that every member of society acknowledge that under similar circumstances,

they may have done precisely the same as whatever scoundrel who was involved in this adultery situation. The sages projected this quite insightfully, by urging all those who see the sotah woman in her indignity to resolve to abstain from wine. When one drinks wine, one lets loose the inhibitions. Anything, including latent but previously controlled urges, may be unleashed. The symbolic gesture of abstaining from wine is a rabbinic message to all individuals who see the consequences

of uncontrolled behavior to take appropriate steps to assure they are never in a position wherein they may lose control over their sensual capacities.

The sages saw the nazirite regulations as a counter-balance to the sotah situation. Rather than seeing the sotah as a one-sided heaping of responsibility on the sotah woman herself, the Rabbinic comment concerning the reaction to be taken when seeing such a woman balances the blame and the responsibility.

ABOUT BOOKS

By JACK FISCHEL

It appears that it is no longer possible to ignore the Holocaust deniers and this should be a serious concern within the Jewish and overall



community. Three books that have just appeared or will be published in the near future deal with this disturbing phenomena; Deborah Lipstadt's *Denying the Holocaust: The Growing Assault on Truth and Memory* shows that Holocaust denial has become a worldwide movement with its own journals, institutes and pamphlets. (Free Press, \$22.95, June). *Holocaust Denial* by Kenneth Stern examines Holocaust denial both in the United States and the rest of the world. The volume also includes a section on refuting Holocaust deniers. (American Jewish Committee, this month, \$12.95). Finally, from France comes *Assassins of*

Memory: Essays on the Denial of the Holocaust by Pierre Vidal-Naquet, translated and a foreword by Jeffrey Mehlman. In this volume, Naquet, a renowned historian, confronts the arguments of "revisionists" such as Robert Faurisson, Arthur Butz, and Paul Rassinier. (Columbia University Press, this month, N.P.A.)

New from Jewish Lights is *The Spirit of Renewal: Crisis and Response in Jewish Life* by Rabbi Edward Feld. Princeton's Jewish chaplain addresses the question of faith after the Holocaust (this month, \$22.95). Also this month from Jewish Light is *Renewed Each Day: Daily Twelve Step Recovery Meditations Based on the Bible* by Rabbi Kerry M. Olitzky and Aaron Z. Volume I: *Genesis and Exodus*, Volume II: *Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy*. (2 volume PB, \$27.90).

Bantam Books is publishing *A Place Among Nations* by Benjamin Netanyahu, (this month, \$24.95). The book which deals with Israel's relationship among the Arab nations has added significance because the author may be Israel's next prime minister.

First Holocaust campus memorial?

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — What may be the first for a non-sectarian university is the Holocaust Memorial that will be erected on the campus of the University of Michigan, once approval is secured from the board of regents. To be sculpted by Leonard Baskin, the single

grieving figure will be placed at the corner of Fletcher and Washington Streets on the site of the state's first Jewish cemetery.

The Ann Arbor Holocaust Memorial Foundation, set up in 1988, has raised \$50,000 towards the \$250,000 goal.

Jordan's next king

Israel inducts 7th president

By SAMSON KRUPNICK

At precisely 7:28 p.m., (sunset) on Thursday, May 13, 1993 the 10-year term of President Chaim Herzog ended, and with the immediate



swearing in of Ezer Weizman by Speaker of the Knesset, Professor Shevach Weiss, Ezer Weizman became the seventh President of the State of Israel.

The impressive ceremony opened in the Plaza of the Knesset in Jerusalem, as first, outgoing President Chaim Herzog and then incoming President Ezer Weizman, were greeted by an Honor Guard of the Israel Defence Forces. The ceremony continued within the Knesset. The I.D.F. Trumpeters blared out the special round reserved for the Chief of State, and two soldiers sounded the Shofar in concert. The oath of office having been administered, Speaker Weiss then acknowledged the presence of 240 former Members of the Knesset, former Presidents Katzir and Navon and their families, Justices of the Supreme Court, the Chief Rabbis, Dayanim, Judges, the Chief of Staff and senior officers, the Mayors of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa, dignitaries of the Moslem, Christian, Druze, Samaritan and Cherkasian communities and the Diplomatic Corps.

Speaker Weiss wished President Weizman success in his very vital position as President, calling out with vigor, "Yehi nesi Medinat Yisrael!" (Long life to the President of the State of Israel), whereupon the 1,200 people assembled in the Knesset responded with equal vigor, "Yehi! Yehi! Yehi!"

In presenting outgoing President Herzog for his farewell address Speaker Weiss acknowledged with gratitude the role the President had played in representing Israel

worldwide as well as being an imposing influence for the unification of all elements of our diverse communities, Jews, Arabs and Christians.

Outgoing President Herzog began his talk in a sentimental and traditional manner, referring to his remarks at the beginning of his term: "Hineni neani mimas..." (Here I appear as one bereft of deeds fearful and reverential to the Almighty). He continued in the same vein thanking the Almighty "Who has given me live and strength to have served my country with the merit of my parents."

He reviewed the events of the past decade, the lights and the shadows, the War in Lebanon, the terror acts and their victims, the Gulf War, the collapse of the Soviet Union, the miraculous aliya from the USSR and from Ethiopia and

with a quote from the declaration of the first President, his uncle, Professor Chaim Weizman, "In the spirit of reverence and sanctified thought, I hereby open officially the founding session of the Knesset in our eternal city — Jerusalem." He felt the same responsibility in continuing the process of growth and development in every area of constructive activity. "From Zion shall come forth Torah," he said emphasizing that the Torah of the spirit, of justice of science and of morality shall indeed endow Israel to be the light unto the nations of the world.

He then reviewed his role in the peace achieved with

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the beginnings of a peace process which will hopefully be successful. He went on to relate that in his terms in office he had dealt with four Prime Ministers — Begin, Peres, Shamir, and Rabin and in six instances this weakness in our democratic structure and urged its revision to a better system of checks and balances in the branches of government with more emphasis upon responsibility directly to the electing public. He wished Weizman well, noting that his own father had officiated in the marriage of the Weizmans.

President Weizman, a fighter and an outspoken individual, is not known for sentiment. Nevertheless, apparently the weight of responsibilities of his new position must have had a very sobering effect. He began his message

Egypt and hoped that the current peace negotiations will be fruitful. He urged that we improve our way of life so as to make Israel a "magnate" for the millions of Jews abroad, so that by the year 2000 Israel shall house the vast majority of all Jews — the full realization of the Zionist dream.

In the reception in Chagall Hall of the Knesset he added that henceforth he will discontinue "riding on Shabbat" — an apparent realization that the Presidency image implies limitations and ended responsibilities. The entire ceremony and related reception was relatively subdued, with a minimum of the pomp and circumstance common in other nations.

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Count another Ivy League prexy

PHILADELPHIA — Another Ivy League university will have a Jewish president, making it five in a row as the University of Penn-

sylvania has named Claire Mintzer Fagin for the interim position until the permanent president is selected.

With all the talk and negotiations about the peace talks, it is strange that so little is heard about the possibility of a formal peace between Israel and the neighbor with whom it has the longest border, Jordan. Despite occasional infiltration over that line by hostile terrorists, the border is quiet and relatively unfortified. Jordan does, indeed, do its best to keep the line quiet. It is no secret that on the operative level representatives of both countries meet to handle common problems.

Yet the growth of Islamic fundamentalism in Jordan constitutes a threat to the throne; the king, for all his personal desire for peace with Israel, dares not take any step which might touch off political demonstrations within the kingdom. His survival since the 1950s is already regarded as a miracle of tightrope walking.

The well publicized deterioration in his health is cause for concern in Israel, for the alternatives to Hussein are ominous. Little wonder that The Jerusalem Post some six months ago ran a bold headline over a report on Jordan reading, "Get Well Soon, King Hussein".

His death or incapacity while still on the throne could well result in a scramble for power, with almost a dozen Islamic parties vying with Hamas and Arafat and the Palestinians to seize control. Perhaps the best solution, for the sake of internal Jordan stability as well as preserving quiet in the area, would be for his brother, Prince Hassan bin Talal, 13 years younger than Hussein, to ease into his place soon. The prince, only 44, has long been identified as His Majesty Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, meaning that he is marked for the succession. He has filled in for Hussein during the latter's absences from the country, and knows the country's problems well. He is popular among his people, and is said to have the support of both the military and the Beduin tribes who are the backbone of the present administration. Israelis have noted that he is appearing on Jordan TV with increasing frequency. He was educated at Oxford, speaks an excellent English, and knows Hebrew as well.

Like Mubarak of Egypt he is a pragmatist. Given foreign support and cooperation from Israel, he could well take a long step toward peace with Israel, a step which Hussein does not dare take. Washington understands that in the struggle against Muslim fundamentalism, the Hashemite

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SOCIAL CALENDAR

By Jean Herschaft

— More than 750,000 meals annually are served IDF by volunteers at seven soldier hostels.

— More than 3,000 children and their mothers — widows of IDF fallen — spend a week's vacation at sponsored camps.

— At air-conditioned ACCO Rest & Recreation center 1000 IDF are hosted at any one time.

These are projects organized by the American Friends of the Israel Defense Forces. Recently, it held its ninth annual affair at the Hotel Pierre where the bulk of its finances are raised at a gala dinner-dance. It is a sell-out engineered and produced each year by John Klein, its indefatigable dinner and journal chairman.

Last year, he dedicated the Hazor Air Base Auditorium. The chief rabbi of the IDF, Maj. Gen. Gad Navon, affixed a mezuzah to the door of the structure, Klein recalled with genuine satisfaction. This year's project is a Central Sports Hall in Tzeelim where tens of thousands of soldiers from all Zahal corps train yearly, he said.

And, each year at the gala affair, the keynote speaker is always, as it should be, an IDF top officer. This year Maj. Gen. Yoram Yair, affectionately called "Ya Ya," chief of manpower at IDF general headquarters held center stage. He was in



Major General Yoram Yair, Cantor Joseph Malovany, John Klein

normal dress: the khaki uniform.

Ben Meed, long time chief of the Survivors of the Holocaust, introduced Ya Ya with his credentials that warm the heart. Born in 1944 in Kibbutz Ein Hanatziq, he lived in Tel Aviv until his induction into the IDF in 1963. During the Six Day War in '68, by then a major general, Yair commanded a paratroop battalion that fought the Syrians on the Golan Heights. He later crossed the Suez Canal and reached Suez City. In '76 he attended the U.S. Army Command & General Staff College. During the Peace for Galilee campaign in '82, he commanded a paratroop brigade that reached Beirut, where he was wounded. Later, he was made commander of three armored divisions and commander of the Lebanon sector. In '88, he was promoted to major general of the general staff. Last year he was appointed head of the personnel branch of GHQ.

"Ya Ya" managed to weave in college credits, earning both a Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Bar Ilan U. He is married and father of four. A daughter, Shlomit, was killed in a plane crash while serving in the air force.

The credentials, in this case, tracked the rise of the IDF hero who stood proud, yet humble, to represent IDF men, he said. "Ya Ya" noted the services of this organization to all IDF men who need places of comfort — most 18- and 19-year-olds — particularly, facing battle and death all around them. To find relaxation and comfort is a very special part of healing of the spirit, he said.

Ambassador Colette Avital, consul general of Israel in New York, delivered greetings. Rabbi Solomon Trau and Cantor Joseph Malovany delivered the invocation and the

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JEWISH THEATER

'Angels in America' takes over

By IRENE BACKALENICK

Angels in America, which has just opened on Broadway, is being hailed as the most important theatrical event of the decade, possibly of the



century! Critics went mad when the show opened in London last year, naming it the Best New Play of the season.

And now in New York, where the opening has been eagerly awaited, every one is equally ecstatic. The play is described as "a sweeping and free-wheeling blend of realism, fantasy and farce" — a drama, cosmic in scope, that speaks for our times.

All this from a nice Jewish boy from Brooklyn! How does playwright Tony Kushner take this rise to stardom? He takes it in stride and goes on writing, drawing on his own

Pilchik

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ing was swinging

In a galloping cart o'er the cobble-stone street.

The nest o'er my lintel awoke with a flutter,
Aroused itself quickly with shout and with song.

The Spirits of Morning poured in through the shutter
And frolicked and beckoned — a radiant throng.

They sparkled in dances so joyously soaring,

They beat on my pane as white doves in their glee

They glided and vanished in light out pouring.

And flowing abundantly down on me.

(Thirty three lines later he concludes:)

"How sweet! How my eyelids respond at the sight!

I open and close them, the radiance adoring-

O God, I am swept, I am flooded with light!"

How does our sacred Book of Genesis put it? "And there was evening and there was morning - the first day."

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life experiences as a Jew and an openly-proclaimed homosexual.

In fact this 3 1/2 hour Broadway show is only the beginning. This first part is called "Millennium Approaches," and the second half, entitled "Perestroika," will reach Broadway next fall — to play in repertory with "Millennium."

Because of the advance hoopla, we attended this Broadway opening with some skepticism. Would *Angels in America* live up to its advance billing?

As it turns out, it does! We must acknowledge that this is a powerful piece of writing. Kushner has created a story that is both realistic and surreal, intimate and universal. When we reeled out of the Walter Kerr Theatre close to midnight, we were on a high! And we were never once bored through the long evening.

Angels in America is not just about gays and Jews and Mormons and Roy Cohen, but has much wider resonance. In delineating the tale of two couples, their lives and their fantasies, their struggles with good and evil, life and death, he gives us the whole world.

Fleishman

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sary steps to prevent the open lawless sabotage taking place.

"We shall proceed without your further useless discussions, which is causing terrible problems and insecurity every day for your own people, to fully secure every part of Israel and the territories.

"We will invoke every process required, not only militarily but economically, to make certain that our people everywhere in the area are assured and secure in going about their daily lives without any further fear or concern.

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This could indeed have been a medieval morality tale, but Kushner is clearly of our time. His people and events are very much of the late 20th century.

Specifically, it is about two couples — one a man and his wife (both Mormons), the other two gay men (a Jew and a WASP). One gay man is dying of AIDS, and they must deal with that. The other couple must deal with a deeply-troubled marriage. Roy Cohn (or Kushner's fictionalized version of Cohn) is the personification of evil, tempting the Mormon husband to leave his wife for a cushy Washington job. Granted that all this is familiar material, frequently covered in theater, but it is what Kushner does with it that is unique. And in creating these people, Kushner's skill with dialogue and characterization never falters.

Angels is flawlessly directed by the award-winning writer/director George C. Wolfe, who moves the episodic tale forward at headlong speed. And every one of the cast of eight — Ron Leibman, Kathleen Chalfant, David Marshall Grant, Marcia Gay

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make the next move!"

I am not sure that the *Post and Opinion* editorial suggested going this far, but I do believe and sincerely, that the time has come for Israel to stand up, to be positive, about stating openly and clearly what its attitude is and where it stands in the furtherance of peace negotiations.

It should be in some sort of "take it or leave it" terms.

The point is the next move should be declared up to the Palestinians. They have stalled long enough!

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kingdom of Jordan and Israel are facing a common enemy which seeks to destroy both.

Hussein knows all this, and it would come as no surprise if he were to transfer rule to his brother very soon, giving the latter a chance to consolidate his position with a minimum of upheaval. — C.A.

It's not a duck

By ARLENE G. PECK

They say, "If it looks like a duck, walks like a duck, and quacks like a duck, it must be a duck!" Not so when it comes to Israel. It looks like a West-



ern country, talks like a Western country. They even dress and act (sometimes) like a Western country. But, when it comes to the mentality, Israel is still Middle Eastern.

A car pulls up next to you and you look at the driver. He looks sophisticated and well-dressed and then you hear the music he's playing. Belly-dancing music. Not sounds I hear often in Beverly Hills. For a woman, that's not such a terrible thing. Depending on her needs of the moment. But, there is no question about it.

It is still a Middle Eastern country that is confused as to facing that fact. For instance, Dizengoff Street is wonderful. It's filled with little coffee houses where you can sit and just watch the world pass by. Along the way are stands selling falafel, which is accepted as the national food of Israel. It's cheap, tasty and filling. The tourists who travel to Israel expect to eat it. Falafel is a mainstay of the Israeli diet. Yet, some bureaucrats in City Hall are now trying to remove these falafel stands because the smells are different and not found in the streets of Europe.

Personally, I find the idiots who are making moves to make one of the most distinct things about the foods of Israel a thing of the past offensive. Someone ought to tell City Hall that Israel is not a European country. Which is OK. In fact, I find it very sexy.

Israeli men love women. At least in the Biblical sense. Maybe it's caused by the heat or the constant tension. That is a definite biggie when it comes to what makes them the way they are. Tension is a strong emotion, like passion. I wonder about the Israelis who left and then lost that sexuality they once had. Maybe it disap-

peared because they lost the tension when they ended up in the foreign lands of Encino, Calif., or New York. Whatever the reason, Israeli men are obsessed with women. It has got to be the best country in the world for a woman to travel who is lacking confidence in her looks or desirability.

Things are constantly changing in Israel. The economy fluctuates daily. The atmosphere changes as Jews from different cultures come to settle. The people, and even the mentality of the people, may change. But, one thing is for sure, Israeli men are sexy. Everything revolves around

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their sexuality. They get excited fast and, unfortunately, un-excited just as rapidly. They drive their cars with the same abandon as they treat their women... direct and without room for error.

Part of the mystique of the Middle East is the aura of "macho." Everything has to be a challenge. Probably one of the most satisfying challenges to the Israeli man is that of a woman. It answers that powerful "macho" need he so constantly and deeply feels.

Soldiers are sexy. I never realized it before because, let's face it, where do I meet men who are soldiers in the States? But, in this country, every man is a soldier, and a good part of the women also. The army is their finishing school. To be male in Israel is like being elected king of the universe. I figure the problems come with their attitude of surrender—the worst thing a soldier can do. But, that's exactly what you do in sex, if it's good. Soldiers want to stay in con-

trol, even if it's only on an emotional level. When things get too good—that, to the man of Israel, is suspicious and cause for re-evaluation. It

seems to make them nervous if everything is going well.

I'll tell you something else that I've noticed about the people here. They have absolutely no concept of time. They also have the annoying habit of making plans and then forgetting to follow through. Worse, when they finally get around to calling you a couple of days later, they are genuinely puzzled as to why you might be just a tad upset with them. I found myself getting into the habit of having a nap at 6 p.m. and lunch at 4 p.m. So, it doesn't seem strange if my telephone rings at 11 or 12 in the evening. Now, that is mind boggling. In

the states, not only did we roll up the streets by 11 at night, but if the phone rang after 9:30, you were sure someone had died.

Recently, one of my friends called me after midnight and as an afterthought said, "Oh? Did I wake you up?" and I told her, "No, I had to get up to answer the phone." But, you get the idea. Crazy people, but very interesting. It is never boring living here. A little expensive, but they always explain it away by looking at you like you're an idiot and saying, "Well, this is Israel."

I took my clothes to the laundry and when I came to pick them up I was told that a load of sheets was \$12 to wash. When I complained, I was told what I'm always told, "Well, this is Israel." The same goes for the \$20 I paid for developing a roll of film without getting any "two for ones" or 75 cents I was charged for a Xerox copy for which I pay 3 cents a page in California.

Yet, even with all of that, there is the excitement that day-to-day living holds. Most of all, it's that intangible feeling of belonging. I remember

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In-laws visit

By RITA EDLIN

Q: My husband's parents are coming for their annual three-week visit next month. I'm a nervous wreck. They're welcome, of course, but it's always such a



strain when they come. Not only do I have to cook and clean for them, but I don't have a minute to myself. My mother-in-law follows me around with stories of how she used to do the laundry, the baking, and even the bed-making. She does offer to help, but it's always to show me a better way to do everything. Last year I was ready for the booby-hatch when they left. I've cooked ahead and frozen meals, I've tried sending them to shop at the supermarket, having them take the children to the zoo or the movies, but they always want me to come along. "Oh, you want to get rid of us," they say if I suggest they visit the baby for a walk. Is there anything I can do to make their visit easier?—A.N., Albuquerque.

A: You've already done some advance planning and that's great! Alas, the strain of extended family visits is usually more than just the mechanics of cooking and cleaning. There are more emotional demands when parents visit, along with a history that carries over from childhood. It's much tougher than having friends as house-guests. Maybe it would help you to know more about some of the feelings involved.

When parents visit their adult children there is tension because of their expectations and how they may differ from yours. You may wish to show how well you're doing as parents. You may expect praise for your accomplishments or sympathy for your problems. They, on the other hand, may expect to be consulted about problems and to be given priority over other activities in your life. Coupled with the disruption of daily routine and lack of privacy, this can create a great deal of stress for everyone. Not only is there too much togetherness, there is often an atmosphere of rivalry or competition.

You say your mother-in-law wants to "show you a better way to do things." Does she MEAN to make you feel inadequate? More likely, she wants to earn your admiration. Try thanking her and doing it her way. That will make her feel appreciated and valued. It may feel phony at first, but if you can express some sincere admiration or affection for her, it will relieve some of the tension and she may even find herself praising you for some things you do better. That could lead to good feelings. So try not to compete, and don't feel put-down if she thinks her way is better. It's easy to say and hard to do, but try it. You might find yourself liking her better, and enjoying her visits more.

Disrupted schedules are often another reason for tension. Try to keep the children's schedules intact. Encourage your in-laws to tell them stories about when Dad was a boy. Look for ways that the children are like their Dad. That may make them all feel closer. And find ways for everyone to have a bit of "private time" in each day. Quarrels often arise about which TV programs to watch. Be prepared to make compromises, and ask your children to do so, too.

Sometimes parents misinterpret their adult children's busy schedules as rejection. "Oh, you want to get rid of us" is a cue that feelings are hurt. Be sure you reply with reassurance and promise to spend more "quality time" when the children are in bed. Then be prepared to talk about memories and family history. It's a wonderful opportunity to get closer and strengthen family ties.

Adult children often mistake their parents' concern for meddling. If your in-laws ask about finances, children's grades or other sensitive matters, they may not be prying, they may simply be worried and wonder how they can help. Give them a chance.

Long visits can be trying, even when relatives have great relationships. Grandparents can baby-sit to give the younger couple "time out." Parents can take turns baby-sitting to permit father and son, or mother and son

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Sports vandals are arrested

TEL AVIV — Israelis take their sports as seriously as any other country as four teenage fans of the Hapoel Tel Aviv basketball team were arrested on charges of vandalizing the

car of Shimon Mizrahi, chairman of rival Maccabi Tel Aviv. Hapoel fans had slashed the tires and scrawled graffiti and swastikas on it with black paint.

Flower discovered, thought long lost

JERUSALEM — A rare species of flowers, which have not been seen in Israel for 50 years, the capitate milkvitch, has been discovered near Afula in the lower Galilee. It was found by a

Hebrew University doctoral student in botany, Ori Firgman and Ya'acov Shabarabani, of Rotem, Israel's Plant Information Center. The capitate has round clusters of yellow flowers.

Backalenick

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Harden, Joe Mantello, Ellen McLaughlin, Stephen Spinella, and Jeffrey Wright — is superb. In particular Ron Leibman gives an unforgettable performance as Roy Cohn — whether he is barking out orders on the phone or smoothly seducing a credible young man. His Cohn is larger than life, well suited to

Kushner's cosmic vision of good and evil.

In short, a memorable drama, a memorable experience. *Angels in America* will probably be around for a long time, so wait till the crowd dies down before attempting to get those tickets!

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time alone. To break up the togetherness, talk to your husband. After all, he knows them better. If what you need is time alone, he can suggest some activities they like. That will relieve you and give them more time with him and the children.

Women and their mothers-in-law have a long history of conflict. Things were done differently by your parents and his. Maybe he was encouraged to be independent while you were urged to rely more on your parents. One set of parents may have been easy

going and the other strict. Women usually parent their children the same way they were parented. That makes the style of the husband's parents seem "strange." While both ways are "right," the familiar is always more comfortable. If you doubt that, simply turn on your favorite sit-com. I'm sure you'll find bits of yourself and your in-laws there and maybe a good laugh will help you all relieve the tension. I hope so and I hope this helps!

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Gertel

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kind of mysterious New Age hero. The writers seem to believe that they both amuse us and offer valid character-study by allowing Maurice to say, "I admire the German people in spite of their jingoistic, fascist tendencies. Well, maybe because of them. They're exacting, precise and extremely consistent." This comment does not reflect as much on the character as on the writers who would have their character say it, not to mention get away with saying it. But we can hardly be surprised that the mystique goes to New Age German and American bigot and that a minyan of Jews is taboo.

In the Thanksgiving episode the writers have Marilyn, Joel's Native American receptionist, tell a very moving Indian story about coming to terms with the whites who brought death, but also brought pumpkin seeds. It is a story about accepting others but maintaining your own community and traditions. Even on his angriest day, when he feels the most trapped in Alaska, Joel is visi-

bly moved by this story. (Morrow can be a very expressive actor.) Yet in the main, Joel has expressed his "Jewishness" as a cynicism and a contempt for other cultures.

The beautiful legends and rituals of Native Americans are depicted with great respect and care. But what about the uniqueness and mystique

of Judaism? What about the glory and responsibilities of being a Jew? Part of the charm and wisdom of Judaism is being able to say "No" to different outlooks and cultures in order to bear witness to God and His Torah. Who will depict that with care and respect?

Peck

one morning as I was walking among the little grocery stores that sell the best produce in the world and the nut stands and little book stores, the planes began to fly overhead. First two and then there were ten and twice that amount. Everyone just stood there in the middle of the street with their eyes glued to the sky. After they passed however, everyone just smiled and gave a thumbs up. You see, the previous night, Hizbollah terrorists had attacked Kiryat Shmona and everyone just knew where they were going. Unlike the fear people felt in Los Angeles when I was there last year during the riots, the attitude here is different. Maybe it's because in the states everyone sits paralyzed waiting for the police to come. Here, in Israel, everyone is the police and a soldier and they don't just helplessly wait.

The social life is incredible. I've said it before, but it bears repeating as the average tourist is never seen going out when the Israelis are at their best. In addition to first going out for their social scene at midnight, there are also certain clubs and areas that are good to go to only on certain days or nights. They will draw a tremendous crowd, but you have to know where to go and when. Thursday night is great for the Sheraton's disco. Yet, Friday afternoon big crowds are dancing the dusk away and "Next," "Oscar's," Ha Misbaha and Harazif are always crowded. But, who knows to go there? Obviously every Israeli woman. Shuky Zikri's beauty salon is a tribute to the evening's activities.

And finally, when I speak of excitement that is part of the day-to-day living I must mention the Israel Independence Day "experience." I have been to Carnival in Brazil and Mardi Gras in New Orleans, but nothing can compare to the holiday of Israel's Independence. The nation fantasized, at least for that one day that they were living on an island. An island far away from the trauma of the recent past. They didn't have to think about the constant threat of terror or the prospect of the potentially dangerous political decisions in the near future. Probably a million people took to the streets and parks to just share the joy, watch the fireworks and party. G-d, did they party! Every pub and restaurant, park and square inch of the street was filled until sunrise. Everyone got at least three hours sleep so they could return to that wonderful promenade in front of the beach in Tel Aviv and watch the sea and air show. It was marvelous.

What I found truly amazing was to have that many people converge and not one mugging. Nor did I see even one person who had drunk too much. Children 13 and 14 years old were walking together in groups of 10 or 12. In California, if I were to see a group of teenagers approach me I would fear for my life. Here, it was just a joyful experience.

In fact folks, with the proper attitude, that's exactly what living here can be.

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Social calendar

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rendering of the national anthems of Israel and the U.S., respectively. A video presentation of the organization's achievements for IDF was a visible treat. Klein presided. Esther Horn and Sally Pomerano were co-chairs. Marvin Josephson is national chairman.

The Hazor Auditorium that was dedicated in '92 was named for Miriam Klein, late wife of Mr. Klein.

MYSTERY PERSON

Do you know who's who?

The Mystery Person is a journalist.
The Mystery Person was highly critical of
the Greater Israel policies of Prime Minister
Begin.

All Mystery
Persons are
limited
to American Jews.

Winners of the Post and Opinion Mystery Person will receive a two-month extension
of their subscription. Responses must be made by mail. Once included in the contest, that
same individual will not be repeated as a Mystery Person.

Small U.S. city

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reporter, had surreptitiously observed the first cross-burning and the Klan meeting preceding it, and had been horrified to hear his Jewish friend's family's name brought up as a possible target for Klan harassment. His relief was mixed with other emotions when the conversation made it evident that the local Klan, having few Jews and few Blacks with which to concern itself, seemed to have decided that the more sizable Catholic community (many of whom were also immigrants) would be better prey! Although there were no actual incidents of violence against Jews in Marietta, the result was a subdued atmosphere, for there was no doubt that some prominent Mariettans were involved in the Klan activity. A connection with the Josephy-Rotary incident, though not perhaps direct or provable, is not out of order.

For the most part, the attitude of Marietta Gentiles to Marietta Jews seems to have been relatively unthreatening. Though there were incidents of anti-Semitic remarks, these seem to have been more thoughtless than deliberate, a "run of the mill" type of prejudice that remained non-belligerent. A former Jewish resident suggests that perhaps it was the sense of "noblesse oblige" among the old-line families that prevented wide expression of prejudices that plagued so many American cities and towns in the 1920's. It is a revealing observation, for it is consonant with the pervasive attitude in Marietta in this era. Toleration of such bias was unworthy of this small-town nobility with, as Riggs describes it, "their emphasis on the town's New England heritage with its connotations of refinement, respect for learning and moral probity. Ironically these are part of the complex of attitudes that resulted in the decisions that finally caused the decline of the Jewish community."

The 1930's were the watershed in the Marietta Jewish community's development. During this decade, the congregation continued to support a rabbi; David Vine served in the early 1930's after the departure of Aaron Axelrod. Members of the Ruby family moved west, as did the Brachmans. Joseph Josephy died in 1931 and his wife and younger daughter left Marietta to join Helen in New York. By 1935, the Jewish community was one-half of its size a decade previous. The remaining families included one of the Brachman families, a few of the Rubys, Isaac Smith's widow

and his son Abe, the Kullers (who still ran a grocery in the old neighborhood), the Goldishes, and the Ginsburgs.

There were fewer Jewish students in the city schools as a result, but those in attendance still excelled. Marcus Ginsburg, the star debater of the Class of 1932, became an attorney, having received his law degree at Harvard. His sister Rowena graduated from Wellesley. The oldest Ginsburg son, Harold, was on his way to a promising scientific career when he was killed in a tragic accident near Marietta. In the summer of 1934, Harold received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at the age of 25, and was married shortly thereafter. While he and his wife and her parents were visiting Marietta several weeks after the wedding, they went with Harold's father and with Marcus to watch a drilling operation at a natural gas well in West Virginia. As the *Times* reported the accident, "The gas was unexpectedly struck and ignited in an unknown manner. The accident is one of the most unusual in the history of the eastern oil fields." All six of the observers were burned, several severely, including Harold, who died at Marietta Memorial Hospital two days later, and his mother-in-law, who died two weeks later. Following their recovery, the Ginsburg parents left Marietta and retired to Baltimore.

The Jewish community shrank even further in the 1940's. The city directory of 1943 lists fewer than a dozen families, and few of the original community. Even Abe Smith, the son of Isaac and Anna, who rose from newsboy to city editor of the *Marietta Times*, left (after an unfortunate incident involving his obviously disturbed wife) to work for the *Akron Beacon-Journal*. Sussman Ruby, the patriarch of the Marietta community for many years, died in 1940 at the age of 89. Described in his *Times* obituary as "one of Marietta's venerable citizens," Ruby had evidently engendered a great respect in the Gentile community. "Mr. Ruby was revered in a large circle of friends in Marietta," the *Times* wrote. "He was a great reader and a scholar." After his death, his wife, Anna, and two remaining daughters also left Marietta. In 1948, another of the old-time residents, Sam Ongar, died, only a year retired from tailoring, at the age of 84.

After 1950, even fewer Jewish residents remained. There were still members of the Wolfe Beren clan (Wolfe Beren died in 1947), the Goldish families, the

Muskats, the Kullers (who ran the Hart Street grocery until 1952), and the Katzes (who operated the Marietta Garment Co. until that same year). Only one new family arrived in the 1940's, having purchased the junk business that had formerly belonged to several old-time Jewish families. The property of this business includes the shell of what was once the grand red brick house of Isaac Hertz Rabinowitz. In the 1950's and 1960's, respectively, two Jewish families also moved to Marietta for business purposes. But the operation of communal institutions had all but ground to a halt. The Orthodox congregation supported a rabbi, Jacob Slavin, until 1960, when it was no longer able to do so. The last Jewish funeral was that of Louis Goldish in 1969 and the last Jewish wedding within the community was in the mid-1950s.

In Europe, Jewish communities were wiped out by plague and pogrom. In the case of Marietta (and we remember the slogan, "America is Different!") it was wiped out by affluence and by its own internal dynamics. This outcome was implicit when Marietta made the decision to remain a small town. At the crucial period following its rapid expansion, the city contemplated its future and decided it would be better off in the past. Mariettans had, Riggs notes, "a preference for social order, even at the expense of economic expansion; a satisfaction with things as they were;" they exhibited a definite "trend toward insularity and rejection of the outside world... Marietta would rather be a cultured town than a wealthy one." These tendencies were fed by the overweening and sometimes exaggerated pride in the city's past.

When this thinking prevailed, Marietta became destined never to be the sort of place that could continue to provide an adequate environment for American Jews. Frustrated and restless from the confines of Eastern Europe, these Jews were drawn to the U.S. eager for a chance. The American Jewish community continued to yearn, continued to strive to better itself. It continued to grow — and Marietta did not. Former residents of Marietta found success and contribution in the larger communities to which they moved. They continued to look forward, as Marietta stopped dead in its tracks, looking back, and like Lot's wife, petrifying in so doing. Thus, after a while all that remained were the elderly, whose children had not been

LETTERS

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Lerman his choice, not P-O candidate

Dear editor,

Your editorial of May 5 "Meyerhoff's Successor," was a sham and an embarrassment to any reader who is knowledgeable about the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC. Seldom have I seen such a selective memory and preferential list of personalities.

None of the above deserve the honor of presiding over the Museum's board. Including Elie Wiesel, yes, Mr. Wiesel was one of the "founding fathers" of the Holocaust Museum and he resigned the chairmanship for his own reasons. "Kos Hakavod!" as our sages taught "avar z'man batel korban." Once it's gone it's over. The Museum's chairmanship is not an on again off again game. (The P-O Editorial did not recommend Wiesel).

For the last 13 years a back-breaking process ensued of not only conceptually defining the Museum's character and purpose. Let alone the latest technology and art. But, above all, its leaders were charged with the "impossible mission" of soliciting for funds to the tune of 160 million dollars and acquiring the appropriate artifacts and copies of documents from Russia and Eastern European countries which were sealed up until recently.

So who has done this for all these years, not Mr. Weisel, not Mr. Foxman, not Shoshana Cardin, not Rabbi Schulweis. Why for the sake of justice (should) such veritably prominent Jews, who in other areas of Jewish life are deserving of our appreciation, be given an unearned honor on a silver platter? If this is not sycophancy what else is?

Have you forgotten, or

able to find their opportunities in their own hometown.

Yet in the short run, Marietta proved an eminently satisfactory way-station on the road to the American dream. The generation that grew up with the Jewish community there found their youth, in the words of one of that generation, "a very

politically became oblivious to one of the shining stars in this constellation of the Museum's leadership: Miles Lerman who earned his honor for his unmatched efforts, nationally and internationally, in behalf of the Museum.

Who else do you know who has done more, single-handedly, than this gentleman and survivor?

When you sit down to write editorials have your facts and an objective decency guiding your judgement. Your above-mentioned editorial was flippantly conceived and weeks with dilettantish Jewish politics. You must learn that there is a long distance between those who seem to deserve recognition and those who have earned the honor.

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Pollard volunteers seek commutation

Dear editor,

Recently I heard a lecture and spent time with Dr. Morris Pollard, scientist and senior professor at Notre Dame University. Dr. Pollard is the father of the convicted spy, Jonathan Pollard. Jonathan is serving a life sentence, without possibility of parole, for passing classified information (build-up of Iraqi nuclear arms), to our ally, Israel. This and other strategic information was being purposely withheld in violation of a US-Israel treaty.

It is evident that individuals in high government circles, such as Casper Weinberger, who are unfriendly to Israel, played a

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healthy American Jewish experience." Marietta contributed to their progress and they to Marietta's, while it lasted. One can look back at this period as a significant and exciting time in the history of Marietta and as one more facet to the multifaceted and brilliant picture that is American Jewish history.

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— Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle photo
Michael Oxman

Phenomenal athlete Oxman, is a gymnast, diver, etc.

MILWAUKEE — Although only eight years old, Michael Oxman, a third grader, is state champion in two sports, according to The Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle.

He won the Boys 10 and Under one-meter springboard diving championship and placed second in the three-meter springboard. Then only 24 hours later he won the Wisconsin boys 9 and Under Gymnastics Meet, achieving 34.9 out of a possible 36 points. He placed first in four of six events: floor exercise, pommel horse, vault and parallel bars.

In the past several months he travelled with his parents, Dr. Herb and Anda Oxman, to several meets. At the Iowa Gym Classic he was named outstanding gymnast from among 200 boys ages 18 and under. He also placed second at the University of Michigan Regional Gymnastics Meet in Ann Arbor and won a regional diving meet in Illinois. At the eight-state Midwest Regional Gymnastics Meet in Bismarck, N.D. he took second place in a field of 85 contestants in his age group.

So how does he do it all?

He practices gymnastics Tuesday, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays in two-hour blocks, and dives at the YMCA pool on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, also for two hours at a time. On Monday he also plays tennis at Mequon Racquet Club.

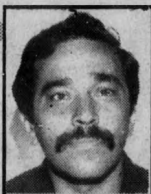
He attends religious school at Congregation Shalom on Sunday mornings. Since there is no time for Hebrew School, Rabbi Ronald Shapiro has found a private tutor for him.

SPORTS SCENE

Girls high school hoops stars

By SHELL WALLMAN

The girls' high school basketball scene this year included some talented Jewish players. Let's meet a few of the seniors.



Jessica Gelman was a 5:8 guard at Westport Staples (CT) H.S. who rewrote her school's record book. Jessica poured in 20.8 ppg and was named All-State, 1st-team, and USA-Today All-America, honorable mention. The established career records with 1900 points and 384 steals and goes down in the books #2 in assists with 290. Jessica will play her college hoops at Harvard.

We didn't receive her final stats, but 5:10 guard Jennifer Gross led San Diego University City (CA) H.S. to a 25-6 season averaging 16 ppg, 8 rebounds and 10 assists. The blue chipper had a 4.2 GPA and was editor of the yearbook. Jennifer was named All-Division II, 1st-team, and All-State, honorable mention. She is expected to attend either Princeton, UC Davis or the U. of Denver.

Samantha Ginsberg, a 5:7 guard, led Nanuet (NYS) H.S. to a 17-1 season while notching 21.9 ppg (#1) on 47% shooting, 69% from the foul line, 4.25 steals (#1), 5.0 caroms and 3.55 assists. The tri-captain had 1089 career points, the fourth Rockland County, 1st-team. Her college plans are incomplete.

Helene Rubin, a 5:8 forward at Sharon (MA) H.S., tallied 12.8 ppg while tearing down 10.6 boards. Named a Patriot-Ledger All-Scholastic, Helene is expected to play her college hoops at Emory U.

Marcie Courtney of Riverdale Country (NYC) School led her club in scoring (308 points, a school single-season record), assists and steals. An All-Ivy League selection, Marcie will play her college ball at Smith College.

The following players had outstanding junior seasons and, barring injuries, we assume they did at least as well

as seniors but we have not received updates from their coaches. They are Marlee Organ, a 5:6 guard at Westlake (CA) H.S., who was All-Southern Section, 2nd-team, as a junior; Jen Cohen, a 5:6 wing at Pearl River (NYS) H.S., where she was the #4 scorer in Rockland County as a junior; and Allison Glasser, an All-North Coast performer at San Rafael (CA) H.S.

Consider Everett Weiss

Congratulations to Everett Weiss, 14, of Albuquerque, NM, on winning the 1993 U.S. Junior Men's National Figure Skating Championships. A while back, we took a look at Breanne Heldman, 14, of Wyoming, OH, and her difficult march to skating stardom. Today, we'll focus on Everett, who has shown that although you need ice in order to skate, he is truly a man for all seasons.

Here's how the 5:0, 90 lb youngster spends his day. Out of bed at 4:30 a.m., Everett then skates for two hours at the Outpost Ice Arena before heading for school at Albuquerque Academy where he maintains a straight A average and has received the scholar of the year award for the past two years while planning a career as a cardiologist. After school, it's two more hours on the ice. Saturday, he's up at 4:30 a.m. again (Everett gets by on four hours sleep) and skates for four hours, while on Sunday he puts in another two hours of ice time. To help him fill the void of his remaining hours, Everett sketches, takes piano lessons, attends religious school and competes on the school's math and science teams. When there is a break

in school, Everett trains in Colorado Springs and Littleton, CO, where he is coached by specialists in different phases of ice skating.

Everett began skating at age nine and by age 12 had captured the Southwestern Regional at the intermediate level. After repeating in 1991, he won the regional on the novice level in 1992 and in 1993 we won the national title as indicated earlier. Everett's ultimate goal in skating is, of course, the Winter Olympics. He thinks he will be ready in 1998, but his dad, Jim Weiss, says, "We're shooting for 2002." Take your pick, but count on Everett being there.

Ice skating

Mikhail Shmerkin, who, as a Soviet figure skater from Ukraine, had placed between fourth and eighth in the Junior World Championships from 1985 to 1988, finished #19 for Israel in the men's figures finals at the Figure Skating World Championships at Prague in the Czech Republic.

Also skating for Israel's first ever figure skating team were the doubles team of Tamara Ruby, a Canadian who banged up her knee, gained weight, sank into depression and then decided to visit Israel, and Konstantin Kaplan, a one-time Soviet junior champion, also from Ukraine. The team finished 27th out of 30 entrants. The Israelis practice in a skating rink built in the northern town of Metulla with funds provided by the Canadian Jewish community.

Help write the Sports Scene. Send items of interest to SHELL WALLMAN at 70 West 95 Street, #27G, New York, NY 10025.

Pollard volunteers seek commutation

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big role in Pollard's sentencing. His sentence is extremely disproportionate to that of others who spied for enemies of the U.S.

Pollard was not indicted or convicted for treason or of damaging U.S. security. This is his eighth year of imprisonment, in solitary, at a maximum security facility.

There is a lot more that can be told in his behalf. Volunteers have joined together as "Citizens For Justice," to work for the commutation of his harsh sentence.

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